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OF THE

CITY OF KEENE

CONTAINING

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES,

ORDINANCES AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCILS,

WITH

REPORTS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS,

For 1897.

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ORGANIZATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, January 5, 1897.

The members elect of the city government for the municipal year of 1897, having met for organization agreeably to the provisions of the city charter, the oath of office by law prescribed was administered to the mayor-elect, FRANCIS A. PERRY, by Hon. George W. McDuffee, who then introduced him to the aldermen and councilmen present. After roll call by the city clerk, His Honor, Mayor Perry, administered the oath of office to the following members elect of the boards of aldermen and council, to wit:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ward 1.— HERSCHEL J. FOWLER.
Ward 2.— FLAVEL BEAL.
Ward 3.— GEORGE H. EAMES.
Ward 4.— WALTER R. PORTER.
Ward 5.— LESTON E. MASON.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Ward 1.— GEORGE F. LITTLE.
WARREN W. BISSELL.
MILAN H. JOHNSON.
Ward 2.— CHARLES W. PIERCE.
LOUIS A. NIMS.
AUSTIN A. ELLIS.
Ward 3.— GEORGE A. SHERMAN.
OSGOOD W. UPHAM.
ROBERT CUTHBERT.

Ward 4.— Edward A. Kingsbury.
Robert T. Kingsbury.
Fred E. Barrett.
Ward 5.— Cornelius E. Sullivan.
Wilson J. Nims.
Ezra P. Hardy.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles B. Elder, after which the mayor delivered his inaugural address.

After the prayer and inaugural address, Jerry P. Wellman was elected city clerk, and Joseph F. Emmons, city messenger, and the city councils then adjourned until 7.30 o'clock.

At 7.30 p. m., the common council organized by the choice of Milan H. Johnson, as president, and Herbert O. Wardwell, clerk.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, section five, we meet in convention this morning, for the purpose of taking the oaths and assuming the duties of the offices to which we were elected December 8th, last.

The general statutes direct that the mayor shall from time to time communicate to the city councils such information, and recommend such measures as the interests of the city shall in his judgment require.

At the outset, I realize that to fill the position to which I have been elected, and which has been so ably occupied by my predecessor, is no light task to undertake. But relying on you for sympathy and support, I shall do my best to merit the approval of yourselves and the people whose servants we are.

We are fortunate in having in the councils some gentlemen whose previous experience in city matters qualifies them to render much assistance. Others of you, who come here for the first time, bring with you the knowledge gained in successful business pursuits, which has no doubt fitted you for what will come before us here.

We have reason for congratulation, that the growth of the material resources of Keene has continued, notwithstanding the depression of the times, which we have been

passing through, and I am pleased to note that the advantages of this, as a business and manufacturing city, are being recognized. Our city has many advantages to offer that cannot be surpassed, if equaled, when taken together as a whole, by any city of its size in New England. We should pursue a liberal policy towards new enterprises and industries seeking locations in our midst. Such a course, I feel assured, will meet the approval of our citizens. We all have a common interest in Keene's success. Let us conduct its affairs, the coming year, in as economical a manner as its best interests seem to demand, allowing no department to deteriorate for want of appropriations for its proper maintenance fully up to the best condition of efficiency. Let us acquaint ourselves, so far as possible, with the receipts, expenditures and standing of the several departments, that we may act understandingly, and manage judiciously, its affairs, in all of which we, as officers of the city, occupy positions of trust.

Before entering upon our duties, it will be well for us to understand the principal work accomplished the past year, the present state of affairs and the demands that are likely to be made upon us in the future. I will therefore, lay before you the condition of our finances and of the more important departments, together with such recommendations as seem to be proper.

FINANCE.

The financial condition of the city, as audited by the finance committee, Dec. 1, 1896, and as reported by the treasurer at the same time, will be found fully stated in the printed reports. I will, however, call your attention

to the indebtedness of the city as taken from the report, which is $307,100. This indebtedness consists of

Old water bonds,	$35,100 00
Railroad gratuity bonds,	115,000 00
Sewerage bonds,	70,000 00
Water bonds of 1887,	37,000 00
Water bonds of 1891,	45,000 00
Total bonded indebtedness,	$302,100 00
Note on demand,	5,000 00
Total indebtedness,	$307,100 00

This debt falls due in various amounts from the year 1897 to the year 1917, inclusive. For details I refer you to the report.

Fifteen thousand dollars of the railroad gratuity bonds come due July 1, 1897. For their payment I recommend that the money be raised by taxation the present year.

The note for five thousand dollars borrowed money we can consider later.

The treasurer's report shows

Receipts,		$161,143 71
Payments, city orders,	$136,131 46	
Payments, coupons,	4,397 00	
Balance,	20,615 25	
		$161,143 71

The city solicitor reports one suit pending, N. G. Gurnsey against the city of Keene for land damage.

The city's assets Dec. 1, 1896, were as follows:

Due from tax collector, 1894,	$144 72
Due from tax collector, 1895,	1,732 47
Due from tax collector, 1896,	22,945 64
Street sprinkling tax, 1896,	250 45

The above are subject to abatements.

Water loan sinking fund:

Deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	$13,772 35
Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution,	26,610 08
Deposited in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank,	4,998 93
Balance in treasurer's hands,	20,615 25
Amounting to	$91,069 89
Property belonging to the city reported,	$285,431 47
Total assets,	$376,501 36

The adoption of the measure for 1896 of allowing two per cent. discount on all taxes assessed, which were paid on or before July 15, worked to the city's advantage. I recommend that the same be adopted for the year 1897.

The committee on finance for the past year, recommended that we raise $40,000 to be used for general expenses the coming year. This amount, together with the income from other sources, was thought to be sufficient. It is $2,000 less than the amount raised last year.

The income from the state on account of the savings bank tax is liable to be less than for the past year, and I learn from a reliable source that the county tax will be more than for 1896.

On the other hand, the committee made no provision for macadam in their estimate, and I am not informed of any one large outlay necessary to be made this year.

I lay this matter of appropriations before you at this time, that you may give it the attention that its importance demands, before the time arrives for you to vote upon it, which must be done the present month.

WATER WORKS AND SEWERS.

The water and sewer commissioners report the following in regard to the water works:

Gross earnings,	$19,808 65
Maintenance,	2,338 74
Net earnings,	$17,469 91

It is their judgment that the policy of metering all manufacturing plants and other large users of water should be adhered to.

For report of analysis of water from Echo Lake reservoir and suggestions of commissioners, I refer you to their report.

Superintendent Babbidge reports the system to be in good condition, with no serious breaks during the year. The octagon reservoir has been abandoned and the water is now carried direct into the standpipe.

Service pipes:

Whole number Dec. 1, 1896, 1,582.

Total cost reconstruction to Dec. 1, 1896,	$81,258 70
Total cost of extensions to Dec. 1, 1896,	226,787 52

Length of main and distribution pipes in use Dec. 1, 1896:

Wrought iron, 17,458 feet.
Cast iron, 151,462 feet.
Cement, 8,831 feet.
Total, 177,751 feet or 33 miles and 3,511 feet.

For suggestions of the superintendent I refer you to the report.

STREET LIGHTS.

The city streets are lighted with fifty-one electric arc lights and forty gas lights. For streets that are not reached by either of the two systems, fifty-one gasoline lamps furnish light. The electric lights are run until midnight. The city has a contract with the Keene Gas Light Co., for furnishing electric lights until the year 1900. The

gas and gasoline contracts can be terminated by either party by giving one month's notice. Our streets are very well lighted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer Wellman's report shows the department to be in excellent condition. During the year the department responded to seventeen alarms, nine of which were for chimneys burning out or slight fires. The Keene Furniture Co.'s fire was the largest we have had for several years. There was insurance collected on their loss, $37,848.50. Other losses amounted to $2,923. Total loss, $40,771.50.

The chief reports that new hose is needed. I suggest that you give this your early attention. For other needs of the department I refer you to the detailed report.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

The department requiring the most money to prosecute it, and the one which receives the most criticism from the public, is that which comes under the supervision of the superintendent of streets. Quite large sums of money have recently been expended on the principal streets. They are in good condition. By the superintendent's report it will be seen that for the past year attention has been given to side streets, which it may be well to continue for the coming year. Bridges are reported to be in good condition generally.

The street sprinkling has been done the past year upon the same plan that was adopted for 1895, which was by a tax of $2.50 being assessed against each estate on the streets that were sprinkled. Most of the tax has been

collected. The sprinkling appears to have been done in a satisfactory manner.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

During the past year more room has been provided by adding the east half of the store formerly occupied by Mr. Keith. This increase affords ample accommodation for bookcases and floor space, also for passages to a well lighted reading room which the change has provided. By the report it appears that the library contains 9,683 books, 359 of which have been added during the year. The whole number of books let out during the twelve months was 31,000 (thirty-one thousand) which is nearly 2000 more than for any previous year.

POLICE.

The active police force of the city consists of a city marshal and two night watchmen. The special force consists of forty-two men. Attention is called to City Marshal Philbrick's report.

ELLIOT CITY HOSPITAL.

The Elliot City Hospital on July 17, 1896, passed out of the control of the city into the hands of twenty-four associates, who formed a corporation called the Elliot City Hospital. The following officers were elected to control and manage the same: President, William H. Elliot; trustees, William H. Elliot, Herbert B. Viall, Charles Wright, 2d, Bertram Ellis, George W. McDuffee; secretary, Charles C. Buffum; treasurer, Walter R. Porter.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The board of health report but one death from contagious disease within the city for the last year.

Forty-seven complaints have been made to the board, of which forty-six have been investigated and disposed of. This is nineteen cases less than for the previous year. The board is doing a good and much needed work and should receive the hearty support of the community.

THE POOR.

By the report of the overseer of the poor it appears that the calls upon the city for aid for the past year were about the same as for the previous year. The depression in business and consequent lack of employment may account for a portion of the calls. Close discrimination is necessary on the part of the overseer of the poor that he may learn the facts when assistance is asked, so that justice may be done to all.

CONCLUSION.

I have briefly called your attention only to such matters and departments as seemed to be most important at this time. Others equally deserving were not referred to for the reason that I had no suggestions or recommendations to make.

Let us enter upon our work with a view to the needs of the city, admitting at the beginning the changed condition of the times, and after due consideration make such appropriations as seem reasonable, and in their expenditure let us keep within our means.

It will be my duty and my pleasure to aid you in your deliberations.

I earnestly and confidently hope to receive the coöperation of all the members of the city councils, that through us the best interests of the city may be subserved.

CITY GOVERNMENT,

KEENE, N. H.

1897.

MAYOR.

FRANCIS A. PERRY.

City Clerk, J. P. Wellman.

ALDERMEN.

Ward 1.—Herschel J. Fowler.
Ward 2.—Flavel Beal.
Ward 3.—George H. Eames.
Ward 4.—Walter R. Porter.
Ward 5.—Leston E. Mason.

COUNCILMEN.

Ward 1.—George F. Little.
Warren W. Bissell.
Milan H. Johnson, *President*.
Ward 2.—Charles W. Pierce.
Louis A. Nims.
Austin A. Ellis.

Ward 3.—George A. Sherman.
Osgood W. Upham.
Robert Cuthbert.
Ward 4.—Edward A. Kingsbury.
Robert T. Kingsbury.
Fred E. Barrett.
Ward 5.—Cornelius E. Sullivan.
Wilson J. Nims.
Ezra P. Hardy.

Herbert O. Wardwell, *Clerk.*

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Porter, Councilmen Barrett and Upham.

Schools.—Alderman Fowler, Councilmen Sherman and Cuthbert.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Beal, Councilmen R. T. Kingsbury and Pierce.

Bridges.—Alderman Eames, Councilmen Little and W. J. Nims.

Streets and Drains.—Alderman Fowler, Councilmen E. A. Kingsbury and Ellis.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman Beal, Councilmen L. A. Nims and Hardy.

Fire Department.—Alderman Mason, Councilmen Sullivan and Barrett.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Beal, Councilmen Pierce and Bissell.

Water Works and Sewers.—Alderman Eames, Councilmen Upham and R. T. Kingsbury.

Printing.—Alderman Mason, Councilmen Bissell and Sherman.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Eames, Councilmen Ellis and L. A. Nims.

Public Parks.—Alderman Fowler, Councilmen Hardy and Sullivan.

Public Library.—Alderman Porter, Councilmen W. J. Nims and E. A. Kingsbury.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on Second Reading.—Aldermen Porter, Beal and Mason.

Licenses.—Aldermen Mason, Porter and Fowler.

Simmons Fund.—Aldermen Eames, Beal and Porter.

Police.—Aldermen Fowler, Mason and Eames.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on Second Reading.—Councilmen Sullivan, Little and Sherman.

Elections and Returns.—Councilmen Cuthbert, Pierce and E. A. Kingsbury.

City Hall.—The Mayor, Councilmen R. T. Kingsbury and City Messenger Emmons.

CITY AUDITOR.

Charles H. Hersey.

CITY SOLICITOR.

John T. Abbott.

CITY TREASURER.

Royal H. Porter.

COLLECTOR.

Ainsworth M. Nims.*

CITY MESSENGER.

Joseph F. Emmons.

CITY MARSHAL.

William H. Philbrick.†
George Cole.‡

CONSTABLES.

William H. Philbrick.
George Cole.
Joseph F. Emmons.
Walter A. Perry.
H. F. Buckminster.

POLICE JUSTICE.

Lewis W. Holmes.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

Frank M. Dinsmoor.

SEXTON.

Columbus A. Mason.

* Reëlected May 14, 1897.
† Resigned April 19, 1897.
‡ Elected April 19, 1897.

OVERSEER OF POOR.

Edward H. Fletcher.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

Columbus A. Mason.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

Lester K. Stiles.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS AND SEWERS.

Paul F. Babbidge.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Norris G. Gurnsey.* George W. Fisher.
Charles M. Norwood.

PARK COMMISSIONER.

George A. Wheelock.

LIBRARIAN.

Mary F. Sheldon.

* Reëlected May 20, 1897.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Flossy M. Russell.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Charles H. Hersey.
Wm. P. Chamberlain.
Frank G. Dort.
Miss Kate L. Tilden.
Mrs. Maria R. Osborne.
Miss Mary B. Dinsmoor.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

Don H. Woodward.
Herbert K. Faulkner.
George W. Flagg.

ASSESSORS.

Daniel A. Brown.
Frank H. Whitcomb.
Daniel R. Cole.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Jerry P. Wellman.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

John Q. Jones.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

Oscar H. Fay.
Frank M. Davis.
Fred W. Towne.

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM.

Joseph F. Emmons.

POLICE OFFICERS.

George Cole.
Harry F. Buckminster.
Walter A. Perry.
Albert O. Davis.
Wyman Lawrence.
John E. Wyman.
Reuben Ray.
Ervin J. Davis.
Thomas H. Barlow.
Calvin H. Tenney.
Charles S. Wright.
Elmer A. Nims.
Herbert W. Keyes.
Elmer L. Willard.
Albert G. Henshaw.
John P. Flanagan.
Loren W. Adams.
Fred H. Willson.
Henry W. Nims.
Burtis L. Parkman.
Oscar D. Beverstock.
William S. Tuttle.
Samuel O. Gates.
Lester K. Stiles.
Joseph F. Emmons.
Sidney C. Ellis.
Daniel A. Brown.
Amasa Plastridge.
Frank E. Joy.
Walter E. Graves.
Columbus A. Mason.
Edward H. Fletcher.
William Cotter.
Charles A. Chapin.
Jerry Dee.
Frank X. Harmon.
Charles Wright.
Fred A. Bowen.
Justus S. Richardson.
Henry O. Spaulding.
Walter G. Peck.
Fred L. Searle.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

Charles K. Pemberton.
Columbus A. Mason.
Mortimer Riordon.
James H. Smith.
Charles H. Mason.
Martin A. Stowell.
Fred L. Pitcher.
John W. Nye.
Joseph Chase.
Herbert R. Raymond.
Samuel S. Quinn.
Adolphus M. Ross.

John A. Batchelder.
Zebina K. Graves.
Franklin H. Fay.
Frank E. Joy.
Freeman A. White.
Henry L. Barrett.
Manley W. Jones.
Don C. Quinn.
Robert Cuthbert.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Charles K. Pemberton.
Columbus A. Mason.
Charles H. Mason.
John W. Nye.
Fred L. Pitcher.
Martin A. Stowell.
Henry N. Stone.
Daniel P. Thompson.
Franklin H. Fay.
James H. Smith.
Joseph Chase.
John A. Batchelder.
Herbert R. Raymond.
Adolphus M. Ross.
Milan H. Johnson.
Samuel S. Quinn.
Freeman A. White.
Henry L. Barrett.
Manley W. Jones.
Don C. Quinn.
Robert Cuthbert.

WEIGHERS.

Herbert A. Woodward.
Norris G. Gurnsey.
Fred L. Pitcher.
Willard I. Bishop.
Henry Giffin.
Charles N. Ordway.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Daniel A. Brown.
Daniel R. Cole.

CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

Alexander H. Grimes.

WARD OFFICERS.

MODERATORS.

Ward 1.—James S. Taft.
Ward 2.—Warren B. Fitch.
Ward 3.—William P. Carleton.
Ward 4.—Fred E. Howe.
Ward 5.—Fred A. Barker.

CLERKS.

Ward 1.—Ainsworth M. Nims.
Ward 2.—Albert W. Spaulding.
Ward 3.—Ira D. Gates.
Ward 4.—Louis G. Litchfield.*
Daniel M. Spaulding.†
Ward 5.—John E. O'Connor.

SELECTMEN.

Ward 1.—John Thayer.
George M. Reed.
Leon M. Bemis.
Ward 2.—William H. Hill.
Joseph P. Whitcomb.
Truman A. Smith.
Ward 3.—George F. Stone.
Winslow F. Harris.
Hiram F. Newell.
Ward 4.—Daniel M. Spaulding.
Jedediah C. Estabrook.
Marquis O. Spaulding.
Ward 5.—John Driscoll.
Andrew J. Williams.
Albert H. Hamblett.

* Removed from ward.
† Elected Sept. 16, 1897.

SUPERVISORS.

Ward 1.—John P. Flanagan.
Ward 2.—Henry W. Nims.
Ward 3.—Loren W. Adams.
Ward 4.—Joseph F. Emmons.
Ward 5.—Patrick J. O'Connor.*
Garrett J. Landers.†

* Died June 9, 1897.
† Appointed June 18, 1897.

ORDINANCES AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCILS IN 1897.

CITY OF KEENE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the purchase of swing harnesses and hangers.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two hundred eighty-eight and fifty one-hundredths dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of the swing harnesses and hangers of the Deluge Hose Co. and Steamer Co., and the joint standing committee on fire department are authorized to approve said bills.

Passed December 17, 1896.

CITY OF KEENE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to regular meetings.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the city councils meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7.30 o'clock p. m., for general business.

Passed January 5, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to pay of a clerk for the board of health.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the board of health be authorized to hire a clerk for said board, at an expense not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars, for the year 1897, and that the bill for the same, after being approved by a majority of said board, be paid at the expiration of the year, from the amount appropriated for ordinary city expenses.

Passed January 21, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to annual appropriations.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That in accordance with the recommendations of the committee on finance, the following sums be and hereby are appropriated:

Ordinary city charges,	$7,000 00
City paupers,	3,000 00
Dependent soldiers,	100 00
Repairing highways and bridges,	10,000 00
Fire department,	4,000 00
Police,	2,800 00
Electric lights,	4,600 00
Gas, gasoline and incandescent lights,	2,000 00
Public library,	500 00
Support of public library,	700 00

Memorial services,	$175 00
Interest on railroad gratuity bonds,	4,300 00
Interest on sewerage bonds,	2,800 00
Interest on water bonds, loan of 1887,	1,295 00
Interest on water bonds, loan of 1891,	1,800 00
Payment on railroad gratuity bonds,	15,000 00
New sewers,	500 00
Public parks,	200 00
H. O. Coolidge annuity,	800 00
School books and supplies,	1,500 00
Elliot city hospital,	1,500 00
	$64,570 00

And that the sum of forty thousand (40,000) dollars be raised by taxation, and the balance be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed January 21, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to borrowing money.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the joint standing committee on finance be and hereby are authorized and empowered to borrow a sum of money not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars until July 1, 1897, giving notes of the city for the same at as low a rate of interest as possible.

Passed April 1, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the purchase of snow plows.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the joint standing committee on streets and drains be and hereby are authorized to purchase of the Union

Snow-Plow and Wagon Co., the two snow plows of theirs, now in the possession of the city, and the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the payment of the same, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 1, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the purchase of fire hose.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That His Honor the Mayor, together with the joint standing committee on fire department be authorized to purchase one thousand feet of hose for the use of the fire department, and that payment for the same be made from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 1, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the pay of members of the school board and board of education.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That each member of the school board and board of education, of the city of Keene, be paid at the rate of twenty dollars per annum, for the year ending March 1, 1897, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the city clerk is authorized to certify the same to the auditor.

Passed April 1, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to city hall.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the joint standing committee on city hall be authorized to grant to John Sedgwick Post G. A. R., the free use of the city hall for Memorial services on the thirty-first day of May, 1897.

Passed April 15, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to placing two cannons in the Central Park.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the joint standing committee on streets and drains be and hereby are authorized to place two cannons within the enclosure surrounding the soldiers monument in Central Park, on the petition of John Sedgwick Post G. A. R.

Passed May 6, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to a discount on taxes.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the tax collector be authorized and instructed to allow a discount of two per centum on all taxes assessed the present year which shall be paid on or before July 15, 1897.

Passed May 20, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the purchase of a horse.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the joint standing committee on streets and drains be and hereby are authorized to purchase the bay horse now in use by the city, and the sum of sixty-five dollars

is hereby appropriated to pay for said horse out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed May 20, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to street watering.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the joint standing committee upon streets be and hereby is authorized and instructed to cause to be watered, during the current year, such public streets and places as they, in their discretion, may deem judicious.

That the superintendent of streets be and hereby is instructed to furnish the said committee with two pairs of the city's horses, and drivers therefor, for the purposes aforesaid; but such horses shall always be at the absolute disposal of the proper authorities whenever required for the use of the fire department.

That the board of mayor and aldermen be and hereby is authorized and instructed to assess upon each estate abutting upon the streets and places so watered in 1896 with the addition of Dunbar street and Winter street from Middle to School streets, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, to cover the cost of such watering, and to certify the amount of such assessments upon each estate so assessed to the collector of taxes, who shall include the same in the next tax bill issued for the annual tax on each of such estates, unless the same shall have been previously paid.

That such assessments shall be paid to the collector of taxes, and shall be due and payable on June first next.

That the streets so designated, and no others, shall be watered during the present year; provided, however, that said committee may cause to be watered other streets, or parts of streets, in their discretion, whenever two-thirds or more of the abutters upon any given street, or part of a street, shall so request in writing.

That in case the street watering service be extended as aforesaid, the committee aforesaid shall at once report the same to the board of mayor and aldermen, who shall proceed to assess the estates of all the abutters upon such streets, and parts of streets, as hereinbefore provided, and certify the same to the collector of taxes, who shall collect the same in accordance with the provisions of this resolution hereinbefore contained.

Passed May 21, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to a surface drain on Franklin and Spring streets.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the laying of a surface drain on Franklin and Spring streets, and the superintendent of streets is hereby authorized to approve the bills for the same.

Passed June 3, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to a division of school money.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the money by law assessed in the city of Keene for the support of schools the present year of $16,645.00, the literary fund of $964.60, the unexpended balance of the dog licenses of $642.90, and the balance of interest of the Hibbard fund of $35.40, making a total of $18,287.90, be divided between the school districts as follows, viz: $75.00 be assigned to each of the twenty-two schools in union district, amounting to $1,650.00, and the same

amount to each of the eleven schools in the city district amounting to $825.00, and the balance of $15,812.90 be apportioned pro rata among the 1,293 scholars in union district and the 156 in the city district, making the whole amount apportioned to union district, $15,760.49, and to the city district, $2,527.41.

Passed June 3, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to adjournment.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That when these bodies adjourn, it be to meet on Thursday, September second, 1897, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise ordered by the mayor.

Passed June 17, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to exemption of land and buildings to be occupied by the Trinity Cycle Manufacturing Co.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That, whereas, Charles A. Jones proposes to erect a three-story brick building on his property on Church street for the occupation of the Trinity Cycle Manufacturing Co.

Resolved, that such proportion of said land and buildings as are used and occupied by the said Trinity Cycle Manufacturing Co., in the prosecution of its business be and hereby is exempted from taxation for such time as they are used and occupied by said company for such purposes not to exceed ten years from July 1, 1897.

Passed June 19, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to accepting the bequest of Nathan G. Woodbury.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That, whereas, Nathan G. Woodbury, deceased, by his last will and testament bequeathed to the city of Keene in trust, for the care of his lot in Greenlawn cemetery, in which he is now buried, the sum of three hundred dollars, therefore,

Resolved, that the city of Keene, by its councils hereby accepts of said bequest, and the mayor is authorized to receipt for the same and deposit it with the city treasurer, who shall hold the same until such time as the committee on finance see fit to invest it.

Passed Oct. 7, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to changes in the highway on Washington street.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two hundred fifty dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses incurred by the straightening, grading, and building of sidewalk on the northerly portion of Washington street.

Passed October 21, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the purchase of a pair of swing harnesses and hangers for the steamer.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the joint standing committee on the fire department, together with the chief engineer be and hereby are authorized to purchase a pair of swing harnesses and hangers therefor for the steamer such as in their judgment is best suited for the service, and that a sum not exceed-

ing one hundred and fifty dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay for the same.

Passed October 21, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the pay of firemen and others for work at a brush fire.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of thirty and twenty-five one-hundreths dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay firemen and others for services at the brush fire near Albert Pond's, and for the team to carry them there and back, and the clerk is hereby directed to draw upon the treasury for the above amount and disburse it, each person receipting for the amount opposite his name.

Passed November 4, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to additional appropriations.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, the following sums be and hereby are appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the following departments, viz:

Ordinary city expenses,	$200 00
Highways,	500 00
Fire,	600 00
Police,	350 00
School books and supplies,	559 73
Bridges,	700 00

Land damages,	$165 32
Interest,	342 55
	$3,417 60

Passed November 18, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to exemption from taxation.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That, whereas, John W. Howard proposes to purchase land, erect buildings and engage in the manufacture of wooden toys and work of that nature in said Keene, now, therefore, resolved, that such lands, buildings, machinery, and the capital used by said Howard in carrying on said business and in operating said establishment be and hereby are exempt from taxation for such time as the same are used for such purpose, not exceeding ten years from January 1, 1898.

Passed November 18, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to accepting a gift of land from George A. Wheelock, Esq.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That the conveyance of a tract of land adjoining the Children's Woods and Beech Hill Reservoir, and adjacent to the extension of Woodland Cemetery made by deed of George A. Wheelock, Esq., dated Nov. 23, 1897, be accepted upon the terms and conditions named therein. And be it further resolved,

That the city councils hereby acknowledge their appreciation of the generosity of the donor in making this addi-

tional bequest of land to the city, thus preserving the woods and providing another place of public resort so near the center of the city.

Passed December 2, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to accepting the bequest of Frederick A. Searle.

Resolved by the city councils of the city of Keene, as follows:

That, whereas, Frederick A. Searle, late of Keene, deceased, by his last will and testament bequeathed to the city of Keene, for the care of his lot in the cemetery, one hundred dollars, therefore,

Resolved, that the city of Keene, by its councils hereby accepts of said bequest, and the mayor is hereby authorized to receipt for the same and deposit it with the treasurer, who shall hold the same until such time as the committee on finance see fit to invest it.

Passed December 2, 1897.

Annual Reports.

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils:

I herewith submit my report as city treasurer for the term from December 1, 1896, to January 11, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	$20,615 25	
Asa Smith, taxes, 1890,	107 73	
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1894,	144 72	
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1896,	12,000 00	
A. M. Nims, collector, water,	6,100 00	
J. P. Wellman, Foster cemetery fund,	100 00	
J. P. Wellman, licenses,	40 00	
J. P. Wellman, rents,	182 50	
J. P. Wellman, sand,	100 00	
J. P. Wellman, care of boys,	1 50	
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, insurance tax,	551 25	
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, railroad tax,	5,840 39	
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, savings bank tax,	9,426 07	
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, literary fund,	964 60	
		$56,174 01

PAYMENTS.

State tax, 1896,	$16,645 00	
Coupons,	687 50	
Orders,	28,809 76	
Balance,	10,031 75	
		$56,174 01

A. L. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils:

I herewith present my report as city treasurer for the term from January 11, 1897, to December 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury,	$10,031 75
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1897,	71,800 00
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1896,	8,500 00
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1895,	360 00
A. M. Nims, collector, water,	13,526 08
A. M. Nims, collector, street sprinkling,	900 00
J. P. Wellman, rents,	1,014 40
J. P. Wellman, sand sold,	15 00
J. P. Wellman, dog license,	670 25
J. P. Wellman, police,	6 15
J. P. Wellman, error in voucher,	2 00
J. P. Wellman, billard license,	60 00
J. P. Wellman, street license,	20 00
J. P. Wellman, street license and fees,	12 77
J. P. Wellman, tent license,	99 00
J. P. Wellman, rebate on freight,	47 19
J. P. Wellman, public library fines,	100 00
J. P. Wellman, cycle path subscription,	275 00
J. P. Wellman, aid for Wm. Sweeney,	4 00
J. P. Wellman, numbers sold,	3 75
J. P. Wellman, replacing bridge,	115 25
J. P. Wellman, use of derrick,	10 00
J. P. Wellman, show license,	9 00

J. P. Wellman, rent reservoir,	$175 00
J. F. Emmons, city hall rents,	846 00
L. W. Holmes, police court fines,	2,594 00
E. H. Fletcher, town of Westmoreland,	11 00
E. H. Fletcher, aid to dependent soldiers,	265 78
E. H. Fletcher, support county paupers,	4,067 62
E. H. Fletcher, aid Catherine Reardon,	15 00
E. H. Fletcher, care Irving Hopkins,	18 00
L. K. Stiles, rent pasture,	50 00
L. K. Stiles, work, etc.,	5 65
L. K. Stiles, gravel sold,	6 28
L. K. Stiles, Washington street,	250 00
P. F. Babbidge, water works,	585 57
P. F. Babbidge, sewer department,	247 68
A. L. Wright, interest on account Dec. 1, to Jan. 11,	19 01
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank loan,	16,000 00
A. F. Gardner, peddler's license,	8 00
R. H. Porter, interest, Hibbard fund,	55 00
R. H. Porter, interest, C. S. Faulkner fund,	130 00
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, ministerial fund,	1,202 87
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Packard fund,	90 00
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Fletcher fund,	86 85
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Fireman's relief fund,	31 79
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Simmons and Eastburn fund,	67 30
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Coolidge fund,	266 01
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, L. J. Colony fund,	51 77
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, sinking fund,	2,430 42

R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, sinking fund,	$384 54	
C. C. Buffum, police court fines,	6 00	
A. H. Grimes, sale of liquors,	143 41	
N. G. Woodbury estate, trust fund,	300 00	
W. S. Tuttle, state vs. E. Fowler,	5 76	
		$137,997 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

City orders,	$71,555 74	
Coupons, payable in Boston,	4,347 50	
Coupons, payable here,	2,803 00	
R. H. Porter, trust funds withdrawn from city treasury for investment,	3,790 29	
Geo. E. Holbrook, note and interest,	5,250 00	
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, note and interest,	10,033 05	
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, note and interest,	6,059 50	
Manchester & Keene bonds paid off,	15,000 00	
Water bond, No. 4,	100 00	
		$118,939 08
Balance, Dec. 1, 1897,		19,058 82
		$137,997 90

R. H. PORTER,
City Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The joint standing committee on finance respectfully lay before the city councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1896, to December 1, 1897, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debt.

EXPENDITURES.

ORDINARY CITY EXPENSES.

Balance from last year,	$1,213 15	
Appropriation,	7,000 00	
Additional appropriation,	200 00	
		$8,413 15
Paid G. W. McDuffee, salary, mayor,	$125 00	
F. A. Perry, salary, mayor,	375 00	
J. P. Wellman, salary, clerk,	700 00	
John T. Abbott, salary, solicitor,	50 00	
J. F. Emmons, salary, messenger,	400 00	
Charles H. Hersey, salary, auditor,	100 00	
L. W. Holmes, salary, police justice,	100 00	
Arthur L. Wright, salary, treasurer,	12 50	
R. H. Porter, salary, treasurer,	37 50	
H. O. Wardwell, salary, clerk of council,	50 00	

Paid A. M. Nims, salary, collector,	$400	00
A. H. Grimes, salary, liquor agent,	100	00
Daniel A. Brown, salary, assessor,	140	00
Daniel R. Cole, salary, assessor,	140	00
Frank H. Whiteomb, salary, assessor,	140	00
Don H. Woodward, salary, board of health and clerk,	65	00
Herbert K. Faulkner, salary, board of health,	40	00
George W. Flagg, salary, board of health,	40	00
H. W. Nims, salary, assistant assessor,	49	00
C. A. Mason, salary, superintendent cemeteries,	100	00
Henry W. Nims, salary, supervisor,	27	50
John P. Flanagan, salary, supervisor,	27	50
Loren W. Adams, salary, supervisor,	25	00
Joseph F. Emmons, salary, supervisor,	25	00
Patrick J. O'Connor, salary, supervisor,	13	75
Luther P. Alden, salary, supervisor,	15	00
Frank H. Whiteomb, extra pay as clerk of assessors,	30	00
S. H. Brigham, deputy collector, liquor license,	25	00
James S. Taft, salary, moderator,	2	00
Warren B. Fitch, salary, moderator,	2	00
William P. Carleton, salary, moderator,	2	00
Fred E. Howe, salary, moderator,	2	00
Fred A. Barker, salary, moderator,	2	00
Ainsworth M. Nims, salary, ward clerk,	7	00

Paid Albert M. Spaulding, salary, ward clerk,	$7	00
Ira D. Gates, salary, ward clerk,	7	00
Louis G. Litchfield, salary, ward clerk,	7	00
John E. O'Connor, salary, ward clerk,	7	00
John S. Thayer, salary, selectman,	5	00
Edward H. Fletcher, salary, selectman,	5	00
George M. Reed, salary, selectman,	5	00
William H. Hill, salary, selectman,	5	00
Joseph P. Whitcomb, salary, selectman,	5	00
Arthur L. Fairbanks, salary, selectman,	5	00
George F. Stone, salary, selectman,	5	00
Robert Cuthbert, salary, selectman,	5	00
Winslow F. Harris, salary, selectman,	5	00
Wilber F. Robb, salary, selectman,	5	00
Daniel M. Spaulding, salary, selectman,	5	00
Jedediah C. Estabrook, salary, selectman,	5	00
Ezra P. Hardy, salary, selectman,	5	00
Albert H. Hamblett, salary, selectman,	5	00
John Driscoll, salary, selectman,	5	00
Charles C. Buffum, police justice, special,	10	00
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	263	52
Geo. M. Rossman, repairs, etc.,	31	26
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., use of instrument,	36	00
J. P. Wellman, express, telegrams, and postage paid,	11	65
L. W. Holmes, justice fees,	375	88

Paid Wm. H. Philbrick, fees,	$216	02
George Cole, fees,	167	60
John T. Abbott, complaints and warrants,	198	15
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	694	97
Henry Giffin, coal,	372	81
George Cole, witness fees,	17	45
H. F. Buckminster, witness fees,	19	25
W. A. Perry, witness fees,	12	32
Wyman Lawrence, witness fees,	3	08
A. O. Davis, witness fees,	3	08
George Robertson, witness fees,		77
James Coffey, witness fees,		77
Ellen Coffey, witness fees,		77
J. Ed. Woods, witness fees,		77
Arthur Ross, witness fees,		77
M. Corey, witness fees,		77
Sawyer & Mason, insurance,	97	75
G. H. Aldrich & Son, insurance,	51	75
C. B. Perry, insurance,	27	90
H. W. Hubbard, repairs at hall,	33	45
Harry M. Wilder, use of teams,	6	00
H. T. Houghton, hack service,	4	75
E. P. Pender, hack service, board of health,		75
F. L. Wood, hack service, board of health,		75
J. A. Bunting, hack service, board of health,	1	25
G. Frank Ball, insurance,	23	00
Samuel Wadsworth, surveying and plans,	64	30
C. M. White, lumber and work,	91	02
George O. Wardwell, work,	20	52
B. F. Sawyer, lumber and work,	57	97
George A. Gordon, floor in hall,	301	50
Chas. E. Keith, painting,	4	26

Paid A. L. Harkness, painting,	$204	70
Victor E. Hudson, signs,	17	25
A. B. Skinner, goods,	5	68
A. H. Grimes, goods,	17	05
Chas. H. Bridgman, goods,		08
Aldrich & Dutton, goods,	1	35
S. A. Morse, ward room,	10	00
Eagle Hotel, ward room,	10	00
Cheshire County, use grand jury room,	25	00
H. Thompson, brooms,	2	75
Auburn Brush & Map Co., brushes,	2	25
Germain H. Richards, work,	3	00
Charles Reid, care ward room,	4	00
G. Wardwell & Co., paper,	2	00
Keene Water Works, water for stores, etc.,	34	40
City Ice Co., ice,	4	00
W. H. Spalter, blank books, etc.,	39	75
G. H. Tilden & Co., blank books, etc.,	52	87
J. P. Wellman, reporting vital statistics, copying taxes,	103	10
Frank Stowe, counsel for Johnson,	5	00
Davis & Wright Co., radiator and repairs,	47	70
Nims, Whitney & Co., setting glass, etc.,	2	46
F. A. Barker, stamped envelopes,	10	90
E. H. Fletcher, dumping place,	40	00
Keene Furniture Co., table,	15	00
R. F. Connell, repairs,	4	35
P. F. Babbidge, Supt., changing pipes,	7	18
Ministers, for reporting marriages,	15	00
Physicians, for reporting births and deaths,	59	75

Paid W. H. Hill, stage work,	$34 00	
G. Fred Little, stage work,	64 00	
W. J. Wheelock, stage work,	29 00	
William Van Ness, stage work,	13 75	
Charles E. Foster, stage work,	30 00	
Knowlton & Stone, goods,	34 40	
Spencer Hardware Co., goods,	13 00	
Darling & Co., goods,	9 00	
J. F. Emmons, for cleaning,	19 50	
Geo. H. Craig, painting fire station,	65 88	
C. E. Wood, repairing buildings,	67 95	
S. D. Bill, cleaning,	50	
Henry K. Barnes, extinguishers for hall,	28 50	
A. L. Bartholomew, repairing lock,	75	
Dennison & Sons, treasurer's book,	6 25	
Mary L. Wight, cleaning,	4 50	
Keene Directory Co., directories,	3 00	
A. A. Clough & Co., frames,	4 85	
Pearson Bros., changing pipes, etc.,	25 82	
E. E. Wilber, damage to horse,	22 00	
Charles C. Buffum, copying,	4 00	
Impervious Package Co., goods,	1 00	
Bullard & Shedd, goods,	25	
		$7,949 90
Balance to new account,		$463 25

CITY PAUPERS.

Balance from last year,	$1,353 94	
Appropriation,	3,000 00	
From William Sweeney,	4 00	
		$4,357 94

Paid Catherine Reardon, support of self,	$16 00
Mrs. J. O. Amadon, support of self,	75 00
Hollis Taft, support of self,	96 00
Mrs. Ella King, support of self,	45 21
Jennie Hadley, support of self,	27 21
Bridget Kennedy, support of self,	19 71
William I. Wood, support of self,	39 44
William Sweeney, (paid back), support of self,	4 00
Frank M. Dinsmoor, salary, city physician,	100 00
E. H. Fletcher, salary and office rent,	275 00
W. W. Evleth, care of Mrs. Lovejoy,	46 70
Ruth Craig, care of Miss Paige,	34 58
Horace R. Knight, care of daughter,	165 17
New Hampshire Asylum for Insane, care of Hemphill, Pierce, Aiken, and Houghton,	354 63
Cheshire County, wood and care of Doyle, Kennedy, Esty and Hemphill,	567 98
S. E. Wyman, care of Fisher boy,	25 92
C. A. Mason, care of Sprague family,	180 00
State Industrial School, care of Mackey,	78 00
C. I. Hale, care of Houghton,	34 75
Elliot City Hospital, care of Houghton, Hadley and Perry,	130 98
Mary J. Southwell, care of Hadley,	9 00
Eugene F. Hemphill, care of son,	45 00
Mrs. M. C. Langley, care of Ida Pierce,	64 73
Albert Hubbard, rent, Cowdrey,	18 93

Paid	Fred A. Ellis, rent, Priest,	$9 00
	F. O. Nims, rent, Amadon,	40 00
	Humphrey Machine Co., rent of land,	18 75
	Hannah M. Butler, rent, Merrifield,	10 00
	J. A. Drummer estate, rent, Chas. Britton,	38 50
	G. W. Porter, rent, Carroll,	19 50
	F. W. Burr & Co., provisions,	50
	C. W. Wyman, provisions,	1 18
	Nims Bros. & Co., provisions,	2 00
	W. C. Bigelow, milk, Cowdrey,	1 50
	Dennis Callahan, milk, Donovan,	9 10
	Chas. Beauregard, drawing wood,	3 50
	C. H. Bridgman, groceries,	15 00
	M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	11 00
	F. E. Keyes & Co., groceries,	18 00
	Nichols & Wardwell, groceries,	14 00
	G. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries.	9 00
	Boston Branch Grocery, groceries,	9 00
	A. B. Skinner, goods,	75
	Bullard & Shedd, goods,	1 80
	W. H. Spalter, goods,	1 45
	G. C. Hill, M. D., examination Perry and Cowdrey,	13 00
	W. R. Dunham, M. D., examination Hemphill,	5 00
	F. M. Dinsmoor, M. D., examination Perry,	7 00
	J. B. Hyland, M. D., examination Perry and Banyea,	11 50
	J. P. Wellman, taking affidavits,	17 50
	G. C. Hill, taking affidavits,	2 00
	C. S. Fisher, coffin,	10 00
	W. F. Harris, goods,	1 25
	Boston Branch Shoe Store, goods,	1 25
	Henry Giffin, coal,	5 75

Paid Chas. N. Ordway, coal,	$3 00	
N. G. Woodbury, wood,	6 00	
E. H. Fletcher, cash paid,	17 39	
City hotel, board of transients,	2 75	
James Hayes, expenses Catharine Reardon,	87 50	
George Cole, taking Banyea to Asylum,	10 00	
E. H. Fletcher, taking Cowdrey to Asylum,	10 00	
		$2,901 36
Balance,		$1,456 58

DR.

To highway department, drawing 15 cords wood, at 65 cents,	9 75
Balance to new account,	$1,446 83

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Mary Southwell, support of family,	$60 00
Catharine B. Hastings, support of self,	96 00
Isabel Carney, support of family,	96 00
Arabella Robinson, support of self,	78 00
Kate Donovan, support of self,	60 00
W. W. Pratt, support of self,	44 14
Dillon Jacobs, support of family,	69 45
Mary J. Spofford, support of self,	39 21
Eliza Davis, support of self,	5 00
Maria Jacobs, care of Jacobs children,	30 43
Hulda Johnson, care of H. J. Johnson,	1 71
N. H. Asylum for Insane, care of Pierce,	63 59
Arthur J. Holden, care of Smith,	24 00

Paid Mrs. M. C. Langley, care of Ida Pierce,	$26	15
Mrs. Peter Bouvier, care of Mrs. Devalaire,	64	92
Ira W. Russell, care of Patty Ballou,	17	42
Elliot City Hospital, care of Sharkey, Woods, Pike, Cox, Gero, Duncan and Nash,	158	83
Julia Hatch, care of Kimball boy,	13	28
Amanda L. Grout, care of Soule children,	130	33
Abbie D. Shelley, care of Mrs. Whitcomb,	71	77
Mrs. C. F. Gould, care of Kimball boy,	6	00
Lucy Cheney, care of Montplaiser children,	104	30
Susan R. Vigneau, care of Ballou,	104	30
Mrs. H. O. Spaulding, care of Miss Keep,	58	50
Mrs. M. J. Turner, care of Mrs. Fisher,	5	35
Mrs. John Jolly, care of Mrs. Keats,	1	00
Mrs. Louise Monty, care of Mrs. Keats,	1	00
Invalids' Home, care of Edith Nims,	9	75
Mrs. H. H. Bridge, care of Coleman child,	10	00
Annie Larkin, care of Mrs. Keats,	15	00
Mrs. William Mark, care of Larkin child,	14	00
Samuel E. Wyman, care of Fisher boy,	52	28
Ruth Craig, care of Miss Paige,	69	72
State Industrial School, care of Johnson,	14	79
Bullard & Shedd, goods,	4	00

Paid Knowlton & Stone, goods,	$0	75
F. H. Wright & Co.,	5	50
W. F. Harris, goods,	16	00
Boston Branch Shoe Store, goods,	15	05
F. W. Burr & Co., provisions,	4	50
Rogers & Whitney, provisions,	10	09
F. A. Harrington, provisions,	3	91
Charles Warren, provisions,	4	60
Nims Bros. & Co., provisions,	6	71
C. W. Wyman, provisions,	7	00
Charles M. Cummings, goods,	11	50
W. C. Bigelow, milk, Keats,	29	76
Dennis Callahan, milk, Donovan,	9	15
Rosetta Jolly, milk, Wight,	3	28
S. K. Stone, milk, Lanagan, Larkin and Wight,	12	36
L. W. Safford, rent, Geo. Baker,	10	00
Fred Leach, milk, Liscord,	1	50
Mrs. C. D. Pierce, rent, Crown,	20	00
Cheshire Provident Institution, rent, Donovan,	6	50
Mrs. Julia Coburn, rent, Whitcomb,	5	00
Mrs. James Larvin, rent, Mahar,	31	80
F. L. Pitcher, rent, Keats,	72	00
J. S. Taft & Co., rent, Coffey,	78	00
Dean Knight, rent, Perry,	10	27
George H. Nims, rent, Parkhurst,	56	00
Charles Giffin, rent, Smith,	33	00
Mrs. Joseph Jolly, rent, Wight,	36	00
Charles Putney, rent, LaPorte and Bennett,	47	50
J. C. Beirne, rent, Monty,	48	00
Mrs. A. E. Johnson, rent, Poole and Dauno,	26	00
F. O. Nims, rent, Clasby, Erickson and Amidon,	168	00
George W. Porter, rent, Carroll,	13	00

Paid Humphrey Machine Co., rent, Murray,	$18	75
Bertram Ellis, rent, Carney,	96	00
Harriet Nims, rent, Poole,	70	00
W. H. Jones, Agt., rent, Sullivan,	6	50
Harriet Case, rent, Shackley,	16	80
J. D. Donahue, rent Corey,	14	00
Mary A. Ball, rent, Perry,	6	00
Wm. P. Chamberlain, rent, Griffith,	57	50
James Leach, rent, Liscord,	4	00
Margaret Barron, rent, Doody,	1	50
N. G. Woodbury, wood,	34	00
A. J. LaRock, hack service,	1	50
E. A. Wiggett, carrying watchers,	1	50
Goodnow & Whitcomb, coffin for Smith,	10	60
C. A. Mason, sexton services, Clement,	5	00
Wm. F. Vose, moving Mrs. Monty,	3	00
Charles S. Fisher, coffin, Lanagan child,	10	00
A. B. Skinner, goods,	22	27
George G. Davis, rent, Mahar,	24	00
P. H. McCushing, groceries,	105	50
Chas. H. Bridgman, groceries,	102	73
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	128	76
F. E. Keyes & Co., groceries,	136	00
Nichols & Wardwell, groceries,	108	18
Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries,	52	88
Boston Branch Grocery, groceries,	60	85
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	52	09
Henry Giffin, coal,	59	25
L. W. Hammond, coal,	11	29
Chas. N. Ordway, coal,	9	00
Chas. Beauregard, drawing wood,	32	00
Lewis Robbins, dressing pig for Champaigne,	1	25

Paid Eagle Hotel, board, Elger,	$1 00	
Woodbury & Howard, coffins,	37 00	
Hardy & Co., goods,	8 00	
W. P. Chamberlain & Co., goods,	4 00	
L. E. Mason, goods,	11 50	
E. G. Randall, moving goods, Voiserd,	1 50	
Chas. A. Seward, cutting wood,	8 50	
O. J. Bordwin, cutting wood,	19 58	
William LaPorte, cutting wood,	12 00	
David Merrifield, cutting wood,	20 08	
L. M. Morse, cutting wood,	2 50	
Isaac Champaigne, cutting wood,	9 95	
		$3,945 71

Dr.

To highway department, drawing 49 cords wood, at 65 cents,	31 85
	$3,977 56

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Balance from last year,	$677 82	
Appropriation,	10,000 00	
Sand sold,	15 00	
Rent of pasture, etc.,	55 65	
Error on check,	23 19	
City Ice Co., replacing bridge,	115 25	
Use of derrick,	10 00	
Joint resolution for Washington street,	250 00	
Additional appropriation,	500 00	
Drawing wood,	6 28	
		$11,653 19

Paid L. K. Stiles, salary and use of horse,	$750 00	
Charles H. Butler, work,	21 30	
Myron C. Ellis, work,	122 01	

Paid E. A. Nims, work,	$87	82
Chas. H. Wright, work,	154	82
Sidney C. Ellis, work,	423	90
Charles G. Crain, work,	231	45
W. F. Gates, work,	138	78
Daniel E. Hathorn, work,	130	40
George D. Gillis, work,	36	47
W. R. Scripture, work,	43	05
James A. Garvin, work,	68	25
D. B. Stearns, work,	21	25
John O'Donnell, work,	15	00
H. L. Fisher, work,	1	50
Thomas Grimes, work,	7	00
Rufus S. Graves, work,	30	00
Harry Reed, work,	15	00
Michael Mackey, work,	1	00
O. D. Bridge, work,	5	39
George S. Bigelow, work,	7	27
A. J. Williams, work,	47	65
Calvin W. Farwell, work,	12	55
Alex. Warden, work,	1	65
Thomas T. Russell, work,	28	00
M. E. Buckminster, work,	1	80
Fred H. Locke, work,	24	45
Harry W. Cheever, work,	5	25
Thayer C. Stearns, work,	14	25
Charles Scripture, work,	10	20
Patrick Hickey, work,	6	00
George S. Wyman, work,	3	00
Irvin Curtis, work,	44	00
John R. Russell, work,	7	50
Amos Blanchard, work,	10	35
F. E. Whitehouse, work,	8	25
Frank Russell, work,	10	05
Miles Davis, work,	6	55
E. V. Aldrich, work,	14	27
C. W. Gage, work,	3	00

Paid Chas. E. Keyes, work,	$4	50
E. L. Willard, work,	36	50
O. F. Tinker, work,	2	75
Charles Giffin, work,	6	48
Charles W. Hayward, work,	3	00
Frank W. Nims, work,	14	00
N. J. Thomas, work,	6	75
Asa Fairbanks, work,	3	38
George Kingsbury, work,	3	00
Herbert A. Davis, work,	1	00
William A. Wilder, work,	1	00
Keene Furniture Co., lumber,	3	62
Wm. A. Connor, painting railing,	3	00
W. W. Stone, plowing walks,	11	00
S. C. Murdough, plowing walks,	12	25
C. P. Pitcher, plowing walks,	11	20
Clark A. Knapp, plowing walks,	8	25
E. H. Fletcher, plowing walks,	11	50
Samuel Wadsworth, surveying and plans,	157	80
J. P. Wellman, express paid,	1	83
D. R. & F. A. Cole, grain and hay,	237	48
Eames & Towne, grain and hay,	175	20
Charles W. Wyman, hay,	94	47
Charles G. Crain, hay,	51	23
E. H. Fletcher, hay,	100	31
Haskel C. Towne, hay,	50	18
L. W. Safford, hay,	65	81
Cheshire Provident Institution, sand,	9	40
George K. Wright, sand,	57	60
Henry Hale, sand,	2	00
Frank O. Wright, sand,	14	90
Mrs. E. A. Crown, sand,	40	30
A. E. Snow, sand,	2	60
E. A. Nims, sand,	2	50
Peter Heffron, sand,	5	28
John Butler, sand,	32	76

Paid Cyrus Eaton, sand,	$14	30
Miles Davis, sand,	5	00
Silas Hardy, sand,	4	00
Horace Goodnow, sand,	3	00
F. D. Griswold, sand,	5	60
T. A. Hastings, plank,	19	65
Wilcox Bros., plank,	18	20
George H. Leach, plank,	124	20
George F. Gee, boat plank,	3	50
Beaver Mills, plank,	39	06
Samuel W. Dart, plank,	120	14
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, posts,	1	95
A. A. Morse, railing poles,		86
C. M. White, repairing railing,	2	16
Concord Foundry Co., grate,	2	10
A. H. Grimes, oils, etc.,	2	79
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight,	64	89
Geo. D. Goodrich, drain pipes,	45	79
James F. Morse, stone,	41	56
Milan F. Jones, stone,	53	91
John Grout, stone,	27	24
Phineas E. Gay, stone,	38	85
Wm. A. Barrett, stone,	18	70
Geo. L. Underwood, stone,	76	48
Chas. H. Fairfield, stone,	13	43
H. J. Fowler, stone,	3	09
S. C. Murdough, stone,	2	27
Henry Woodbury, stone,	3	37
George F. Page, stone,	38	62
Lyman N. Stone, stone,	9	37
F. L. Wood, stone,	1	60
H. W. Nims, stone,	1	90
Keene Water Works, changing pipes,	2	42
G. W. Ball's Sons, brick,	8	82
Chas. Millar & Son, iron pipes,	106	22
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., use of instrument,		75

Paid Troy Granite Co., use of derrick,	$7	65
H. W. Hubbard, repairing tools,	2	50
F. H. Wright & Co., goods,	5	50
C. M. Cummings, goods,	5	50
Lewis Ellis, parts of plow,	12	80
F. E. Keyes & Co., goods,	2	75
Warren B. Fitch, wood,	10	75
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,		50
A. B. Denison, cart body and repairs,	36	20
Dr. C. P. Bugbee, care horses and medicine,	59	65
Dr. John G. Lesure, horse medicine,	1	50
E. P. Sebastian, horse medicine,	2	00
H. T. Houghton, trucking,		25
Wm. K. Church, shoeing and repairs,	64	43
Young Jones, shoeing and repairs,	60	90
John Carpenter, repairing harnesses,	42	68
Wilkinson & McGregor, blankets, etc.,	16	00
Humphrey Machine Co., grates,	25	75
U. S. Paving and Concrete Co., concrete,	252	92
Chas. H. Bridgman, goods,	5	31
Bullard & Shedd, goods,	6	70
F. H. Baldwin, goods,	9	86
Reuben Ray, repairs,	20	41
A. H. Rice, repairs,	62	21
R. C. Jones, repairs,		35
M. C. Bemis, repairs,	9	50
J. Hadlock, parts of scraper,	10	00
Spencer Hardware Co., goods,	72	14
Knowlton & Stone, goods,	71	83
Frank A. Jones, breaking roads,	1	75
V. E. Hudson, signs, etc.,	3	00
Massachusetts Broken Stone Co., stone,	35	98
Morse Bros. Mfg. Co., ashes,	2	00

Paid N. G. Gurnsey, weighing, etc.,	$40 35	
A. W. Dickinson, weighing,	5 70	
J. P. Wellman, pay-rolls,	6,840 93	
		$12,549 30
Account overdrawn,		$896 11

Cr.

By keeping 1 pair horses for fire department, 5 weeks, at $5.00,	$260 00	
Use of horses, 13 calls to fires, at $12.00,	156 00	
Use of 3 pairs horses inspection day, at $3.50,	10 50	
Packing and unpacking hydrants,	8 50	
193 days, team sprinkling streets, at $3.50,	675 50	
8 8-10 days, team for water and sewer departments, at $3.50,	30 80	
12 loads sand, for water and sewer departments, at $0.25,	3 00	
64 cords wood, drawn for pauper department, at $0.65,	41 60	
12½ days work, one horse on cycle path, at $1.00,	12 50	
8 days work, Stiles, on cycle path, at $2.50,	20 00	
Drain pipe used,	4 34	
3 days, team on bridges, at $3.50,	10 50	
Work on Hardy bridge,	50 00	
Freight paid on lumber,	20 58	
10 M ft. plank used on bridges,	120 00	
Work on fountain,	8 00	
Work, Franklin and Spring street drains,	70 65	
		$1,502 47
Balance, carried to new account,		$606 36

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	$4,000 00	
Additional appropriation,	600 00	
Error on check,	2 00	
		$4,602 00
Account overdrawn last year,		356 39
		$4,245 61
Paid J. P. Wellman, salary, chief engineer,	$50 00	
John Q. Jones, salary, assistant engineer,	35 00	
Oscar H. Fay, salary, assistant engineer,	35 00	
F. M. Davis, salary, assistant engineer,	32 08	
J. Frank Emmons, salary, superintendent fire alarm,	200 00	
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	290 47	
P. F. Babbidge, use of horse,	18 00	
Henry Giffin, coal,	285 82	
H. W. Hubbard, repairs,	9 27	
F. E. Keyes & Co., goods,	9 12	
George L. Rice, work on fire alarm,	27 05	
John Coffey, work on fire alarm,	15 00	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., fire alarm supplies,	217 69	
J. R. Beal & Co., uniforms and repairs,	65 00	
L. E. Mason, uniforms, caps, etc.,	75 95	
C. M. White, repairs and lumber,	23 10	
Geo. O. Wardwell, work,	4 63	
A. B. Skinner, goods,	3 69	
C. H. Bridgman, goods,	36	
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	1 89	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight,	5 07	

Paid M. C. Bemis, repairs,	$1	75
S. A. Morse, work,	1	20
J. P. Wellman, express paid,	2	60
H. T. Houghton, trucking ladders,		15
J. W. Buckminster, teams,	3	00
H. K. Barnes, goods,	76	99
James F. Morse, use of teams,	1	75
C. E. Keith, rent of cellar,	10	21
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	22	50
John Carpenter, repairs,	8	30
Wilkinson & McGregor, repairs,		75
A. H. Rice, repairs,	1	20
Aldrich & Dutton, goods,	4	90
George G. Sawyer & Co., goods,	2	25
Spencer Hardware Co., goods,	95	00
Reuben Ray, repairs,	39	70
Davis & Wright Co., hose, washer, etc.,	86	23
R. C. Jones, repairing brake,	9	00
E. J. Inman, printing,	3	00
J. D. Colony & Son, printing,	5	50
Geo. M. Stevens, box and bell,	62	00
Geo. M. Rossman, repairs,	1	06
E. P. Simonds, fireman,	5	00
H. L. McClure, fireman,	7	50
W. H. Spalter, blank books, etc.,	2	15
J. A. Bunting, hack service,	1	00
E. H. Stone, cleaning house,	2	00
Knowlton & Stone, goods,	5	72
Keene Furniture Co., lumber,	3	50
Beaver Mills, lumber,	1	41
F. F. Stearns, salary, engineer steamer,	60	00
A. W. Green, salary, engineer steamer,	60	00
T. A. Smith, salary, assistant engineer steamer,	25	00

Paid G. D. Robertson, salary, assistant engineer steamer,	$25 00	
J. P. Morse, salary, fireman steamer,	10 00	
H. N. Aldrich, salary, fireman steamer,	8 34	
B. E. Haines, salary, fireman steamer,	1 66	
J. P. Wellman, weekly highway pay-roll,	676 00	
J. P. Wellman, water works and sewers pay-roll,	22 51	
J. P. Wellman, Washington Hook and Ladder Co. pay-roll,	268 75	
J. P. Wellman, Deluge Hose Co. pay-roll,	292 50	
J. P. Wellman, Steamer Co. pay-roll,	375 00	
		$3,696 27
Balance,		$549 34

Dr.

To keeping one pair horses 52 weeks, at $5.00,	$260 00	
Use of horses 13 calls to fires, at $12.00,	156 00	
Use of three pairs horses inspection day, at $3.50,	10 50	
Packing and unpacking hydrants,	8 50	
		$435 00
Balance carried to new account,		$114 29

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Balance from last year,	$221 29
Appropriation,	2,800 00

Additional appropriation,	$350 00	
Police duty, etc.,	7 65	
		$3,378 94

Paid W. H. Philbrick, salary, marshal,	$279 32
George Cole, salary, marshal,	450 68
George Cole, police duty,	314 00
H. F. Buckminster, police duty,	670 30
W. A. Perry, police duty,	441 40
Wyman Lawrence, police duty,	152 70
A. O. Davis, police duty,	85 20
Reuben Ray, police duty,	52 80
Charles S. Wright,	27 00
William Cotter,	22 80
Walter E. Graves,	8 00
Frank X. Harmon,	21 60
Loren W. Adams,	14 00
H. W. Nims,	18 80
E. A. Nims,	15 20
Charles Wright,	4 00
C. A. Mason,	5 00
Lloyd S. Eaton,	3 40
Frank E. Joy,	3 20
F. L. Searle,	1 10
Fred H. Willson,	1 00
O. D. Beverstock,	11 00
Walter Peck,	7 10
Thomas Barlow,	5 00
Daniel A. Brown,	10 00
A. G. Henshaw,	3 00
F. A. Bowen,	5 00
L. K. Stiles,	8 00
E. H. Fletcher,	3 50
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	110 34
Darling & Co., printing,	2 25
L. E. Mason, numbers,	1 75
A. H. Grimes, goods,	28

Paid A. H. LaRock, hack service,	$29 75	
H. T. Houghton, hack service,	38 00	
A. G. Grimes, hack service,	22 25	
J. A. Bunting, hack service,	3 05	
F. L. Wood, hack service,	3 25	
E. P. Pender, hack service,	9 75	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., use of instrument,	23 10	
Chas. Truax, Greene & Co., litter,	8 50	
Harry Wilder, use of teams,	5 00	
J. W. Buckminster, use of teams,	26 50	
W. N. Chase, use of teams,	5 00	
W. H. Philbrick, use of teams,	82 50	
E. P. Buzzell, use of teams,	28 95	
Keene Directory Co., directory,	1 50	
A. W. Mitchell, goods,	21 50	
John P. Lovell Arms Co., goods,	18 75	
Knowlton & Stone, goods,	40 54	
Ervin J. Davis, meals,	39 75	
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	40 45	
F. E. Keyes & Co., goods,	50	
Charles H. Bridgman, goods,	3 32	
Davis & Wright Co., goods,	3 00	
W. F. Chester, goods,	7 00	
V. E. Hudson, signs,	3 00	
Aldrich & Dutton, goods,	75	
Geo. M. Rossman, piping, etc.,	5 61	
J. P. Wellman, express paid,	1 40	
		$3,231 39
Balance to new account,		$147 55

WATER WORKS MAINTENANCE.

Bills paid,	$3,590 44	
Work done by highway department,	7 80	
		$3,598 24

Cr.

By stock on extensions,	$469 62	
Stock on meters,	346 64	
Cash for labor,	585 57	
		$1,401 83
Cost of maintenance,		$2,196 41

WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

Bills paid,	$83 53	
Work done by highway department,	17 50	
		$101 03

MC KINLEY STREET EXTENSION.

Balance from last year,	$136 40	
Paid H. M. Nims, labor,	13 35	
Balance to new account,		$123 05

SEWER MAINTENANCE.

Bills paid,	$1,125 63	
To work done by highway department,	3 50	
		$1,129 13

NEW SEWERS.

Balance from last year,	$87 57	
Appropriation,	500 00	
		$587 57

Bills paid,	$218 00	
Work done by highway department,	7 00	
		$225 00
Balance to new account,		$362 57

STREET LIGHTS.

GAS AND GASOLINE.

Balance from last year,	$431 47	
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
		$2,431 47
Paid Keene Gas Light Co., gas lights,	$1,347 00	
Globe Gas Light Co., gasoline lights,	932 45	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight,	56	
Davis & Wright Co., repairing lanterns,	3 50	
A. H. Rice, lantern holder,	1 50	
S. D. Bill, moving post,	60	
		$2,285 61
Balance to new account,		$145 86

ELECTRIC.

Balance from last year,	$684 42	
Appropriation,	4,600 00	
		$5,284 42
Paid Keene Gas Light Co., arc lights,		4,575 00
Balance to new account,		$709 42

COUNTY TAX.

Balance due on 1896 tax,	$4,697 13	
County tax,	13,611 75	
		$18,308 88
Paid J. E. Wright, treasurer, balance,	$4,697 13	
Paid J. E. Wright, treasurer,	3,611 75	
		$8,308 88
Balance due county,		$10,000 00

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount due district on year 1896,	$18,572 97	
Amount due district on year 1897:		
Amount as per joint resolution,	$15,760 49	
Amount as per tax,	8,489 39	
		$42,822 85
Paid Fred W. Chase, treasurer, balance, 1896,	$18,572 97	
Paid Charles C. Buffum, treasurer,	10,875 00	
		$29,447 97
Balance due district,		$13,374 88

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount due district on year 1896,	$2,229 79
Amount due district on year 1897:	
Amount as per joint resolution,	2,527 41

Amount as per tax,	$100 00	
		$4,857 20
Paid C. W. Farwell, treasurer,		$2,227 79
Balance due district,		$2,629 41

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance from last year,	$176 38	
Appropriation,	500 00	
Sale of catalogues, etc.,	100 00	
		$776 38
Paid A. B. Skinner, books,	$9 08	
W. B. Clarke & Co., books,	415 56	
W. H. Spalter, books and binding,	87 00	
Henry P. Rolfe, books,	4 00	
Keene Directory Co., books,	1 50	
P. F. Collier, books,	18 50	
M. M. Dolmadjian, books,	1 50	
Mrs. M. R. Osborne, books,	8 00	
Brentanos, books,	2 50	
Boston Bookbinding Co., binding,	47 50	
Mary F. Sheldon, preparing catalogue,	23 40	
Darling & Co., printing catalogue,	7 50	
		$626 04
Balance to new account,		$150 34

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSE.

Balance from last year,	$42 17	
Appropriation,	700 00	
		$742 17

Paid Mary F. Sheldon, salary,	$400 00	
Florence G. Russell, salary and extra work,	73 20	
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	82 62	
G. M. Rossman, fixtures, etc.,	10 85	
C. M. White, book cases, etc.,	35 99	
C. E. Keith, painting,	4 88	
Albert L. Harkness, painting,	5 75	
Albert E. Fish, screens,	5 10	
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	9 00	
W. P. Chamberlain & Co., goods,	3 70	
Woodbury & Howard, goods,	8 00	
W. H. Spalter, supplies,	4 01	
Mary F. Sheldon, paid for cleaning,	13 85	
Library Bureau, cards,	12 10	
William Van Ness, moving books,	3 00	
C. B. Perry, insurance,	7 54	
Sawyer & Mason, insurance,	21 75	
G. F. Ball, insurance,	14 50	
		$715 84
Balance to new account,		$26 33

MACADAM.

Balance from last year,		$335 26
Paid W. B. Fitch, wood,	$5 00	
Samuel Wadsworth, surveying,	6 50	
U. S. Paving & Concrete Co., concrete,	127 21	
Spencer Hardware Co., goods,	33 59	
Davis & Wright Co., goods,	1 00	
		$173 30
Balance to new account,		$161 96

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Balance from last year,	$2 92	
Appropriation,	1500 00	
Additional appropriation,	559 73	
		$2,062 65
Paid W. H. Spalter, goods,	$1,529 32	
G. H. Tilden & Co., goods,	418 25	
Franklin Publishing Co., goods,	52 50	
Ginn & Co., goods,	62 91	
		$2,062 98
Account overdrawn,		$0 33

CITY AID FURNISHED DEPENDENT SOLDIERS OR THEIR FAMILIES.

Balance from last year,	$157 36	
Appropriation,	100 00	
		$257 36
Paid Cheshire Provident Institution, rent, Gould,	$140 00	
F. E. Keyes & Co., groceries,	2 00	
Paid Ellen S. Heaton, rent, Richardson,	36 00	
		$178 00
Balance to new account,		$79 36

COUNTY AID FURNISHED DEPENDENT SOLDIERS OR THEIR FAMILIES.

Paid Mrs. N. J. Barlow, support of self,	$60 00
P. H. McCushing, groceries,	63 00

Paid C. H. Bridgman, groceries.	$7 00	
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	7 00	
F. E. Keyes & Co., groceries,	7 00	
Nichols & Wardwell, groceries,	3 90	
W. J. Wheeler, rent, Ed. Baker,	78 00	
Israel Sadoques, rent, John Jolly,	6 00	
Henry Giffin, coal,	23 75	
C. N. Ordway, coal,	3 00	
C. S. Fisher, coffin for Clement,	12 00	
Chas. G. Crain, care of Clement,	57 00	
		$327 65

PARKS.

Balance from last year,	$184 54	
Appropriation,	200 00	
		$384 54
Paid George A. Wheelock, salary,	$25 00	
Ellis Bros., plants, etc.,	7 84	
Patrick Donahue, work,	40 20	
H. T. Houghton, trucking,	50	
George A. Wheelock, bills paid,	23 11	
Hiram H. Tenney, work,	75 10	
H. J. Russell, work,	28 95	
W. H. Elliot, team and man,	29 25	
Keene Water Works, pipe and laying,	135 82	
Knowlton & Stone, goods,	1 25	
Rural Improvement Society, cleaning park,	5 00	
		$372 02
Balance to new account,		$12 52

INTEREST ON BONDS.

Balance from last year,	$4,347 50	
Appropriation,	8,395 00	
		$12,742 50
Paid Arthur L. Wright, treasurer,	$4,347 50	
Paid R. H. Porter, treasurer,	4,347 50	
		$8,695 00
Balance to new account,		$4,047 50

PAYMENT OF BONDS—Railroad Gratuity.

Appropriation,	$15,000 00
Paid R. H. Porter, treasurer,	$15,000 00

PAYMENT OF NOTE.

Received of Geo. E. Holbrook on note,	$5,000 00
Paid Geo. E. Holbrook,	$5,000 00

NUMBERING HOUSES.

Account overdrawn last year,	$9 45	
Paid Samuel Wadsworth, surveying, etc.,	12 50	
Union Mfg. Co., numbers,	10 13	
J. P. Wellman, express paid,	30	
		$32 38
Numbers sold,		3 75
Account overdrawn,		$28 63

COOLIDGE ANNUITY.

Balance from last year,	$400 00	
Appropriation,	800 00	
		$1200 00
Paid Mrs. H. O. Coolidge,		800 00
Balance to new account,		$400 00

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL BOARD.

Appropriation,		$240 00
Paid Silas M. Dinsmoor,	$20 00	
Charles C. Buffum,	20 00	
Fred W. Chase,	20 00	
Wilton H. Spalter,	20 00	
Aaron W. Hand,	20 00	
Francis C. Faulkner,	20 00	
Bertram Ellis,	20 00	
Simon G. Griffin,	20 00	
Gardner C. Hill,	20 00	
Wilson J. Nims,	20 00	
Calvin W. Farwell,	20 00	
D. M. Spaulding,	20 00	
		$240 00

SPRINKLING.

Amount collected,		$900 00
Paid Henry K. Barnes, hose,	$42 00	
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	25	
John Carpenter, straps,	1 70	
A. H. Rice, repairs,	1 65	
H. W. Hubbard, repairs,	3 05	

Paid Knowlton & Stone, goods,	$0 75	
Reuben Ray, repairs,	85	
		$50 25
Bill, highway department, 193 days, team, at $3.50,		675 50
Total cost,		$725 75

FRANKLIN AND SPRING STREETS DRAIN.

Appropriation,	$150 00	
Error on freight,	24 00	
		$174 00
Paid Geo. D. Goodrich, pipe,	$63 10	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight,	24 00	
Samuel Wadsworth, surveying, etc.,	16 25	
		$103 35
Balance carried to highway department,		$70 65

BRIDGES.

Balance from last year,	$45 00
Paid William A. Connor, painting,	45 00

INGERSOLL FOUNTAIN.

Balance from last year,		$196 44
Paid H. W. Hubbard, iron work,	$0 80	
C. M. White, cover,	65 10	
Samuel Wadsworth, work,	1 00	
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	25	

Paid Humphrey Machine Co., iron,	$1 00	
U. S. Concrete and Paving Co., concrete,	29 55	
P. F. Babbidge, superintendent, connections,	41 97	
Davis & Wright Co., work,	30	
		$139 97
Balance,	$56 47	
Work done by highway department,	8 00	
Balance to new account,		$48 47

PURCHASE OF HARNESSES.

Appropriation,		$288 50
Paid Deluge Hose Co., harnesses,	$138 50	
Keene Steam Fire Engine and Hose Co., harnesses,	150 00	
		$288 50

LAND DAMAGE.

Appropriation,		$165 32
Paid Batchelder & Faulkner, Jennie L. Fisher account, Wheelock street, awarded 1896,	$162 32	
Fred A. Leach, straightening Washington street,	1 00	
Julia A. Rice, straightening Washington street,	1 00	
E. and S. Saunders, straightening Washington street,	1 00	
		$165 32

INTEREST.

Appropriation,		$342 55
Paid Geo. E. Holbrook,	$250 00	
Paid Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	92 55	
		$342 55

BRUSH FIRE.

Appropriation,	$30 25
Paid J. P. Wellman, pay-roll,	$30 25

PURCHASE OF SWING HARNESSES FOR STEAMER.

Appropriation,	$150 00
Paid J. P. Wellman, express on hames,	55
Balance to new account,	$149 45

BORROWED MONEY.

Received of Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	$6,000 00	
Received of Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	10,000 00	
		$16,000 00
Paid Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	$6,000 00	
Paid Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	10,000 00	
		$16,000 00

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Dog licenses collected,		$670 25
Paid Chas. Ellis, sheep killed,	$12 00	

Paid Geo. K. and Henry Wright, sheep killed,	$15 00	
Chas. W. Wyman, sheep killed,	24 00	
Daniel R. Cole, examination flock,	1 00	
Daniel A. Brown, examination flock,	1 00	
Henry W. Nims, examination flock,	1 00	
Silas Hardy, sheep killed,	20 00	
		$74 00
Balance for schools,		$596 25

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND.

Received of town of Westmoreland,		$29 00
Paid C. H. Bridgman, groceries,	$4 00	
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	4 00	
F. E. Keyes & Co., groceries,	6 00	
Nichols & Wardwell, groceries,	3 00	
Mrs. Joseph Jolly, rent,	8 00	
O. J. Howard, executor, rent,	4 00	
		$29 00

TRUST FUNDS.

Received on Simmons and Eastburn fund, 1896 and 1897,	$492 47
Received from Julius N. Morse estate,	1,000 00
Received on ministerial fund, 1896 and 1897,	1,202 87
Received on firemen's relief fund, 1896 and 1897,	239 28
Received on L. J. Colony fund, 1896 and 1897,	378 82
Received on Fletcher fund, 1896 and 1897,	86 85

Received on Packard fund, 1896 and 1897,	$90 00	
Received on Woodbury fund,	300 00	
		$3,790 29
Paid R. H. Porter, treasurer,		$3,790 29

The per cent. which has been received on the above has been deposited in the several banks as follows, and a certificate of deposit taken therefor.

Simmons and Eastburn fund, Cheshire National Bank,	$1,492 47
Ministerial fund, Ashuelot National Bank,	1,202 87
Firemen's relief fund, Keene National Bank,	239 28
L. J. Colony fund, Citizens National Bank,	378 82
Fletcher fund, Citizens National Bank,	86 85
Packard fund, Citizens National Bank,	90 00
Woodbury fund, Keene National Bank,	300 00

BRIDGES.

WEST, ISLAND AND APPLETON STREET BRIDGES.

Appropriation,		$700 00
Paid William S. Connor, painting,	$40 00	
C. M. White, work on West street,	155 30	
T. A. Hastings, lumber,	10 00	
		$205 30
Balance,		$494 70
Bills paid by highway department, 10M ft. plank,	$120 00	
Bills paid by highway department, freight bills,	20 58	
Bills paid by highway department, 3 days' work, team,	10 50	

Bills paid by highway department, labor,	$50 00	
		$201 08
Balance to new account,		$293 62

CYCLE PATH.

Received from R. T. Kingsbury,	$200 00	
Received from R. T. Kingsbury,	50 00	
Received from R. T. Kingsbury,	25 00	
		$275 00
Paid J. P. Wellman, pay-rolls,		$244 26
Balance,	$30 74	
Dr.		
To tile taken from highway department,	4 34	
Carried to new account,		$26 40

CHANGES ON WASHINGTON STREET.

Appropriation,	$250 00
Paid L. K. Stiles, superintendent,	250 00

SNOW PLOWS.

Appropriation,	$100 00
Paid Union Snow Plow & Wagon Co.,	$100 00

PURCHASE OF HOSE.

Appropriation,	$539 00
Paid Henry K. Barnes, 1000 feet hose,	$539 00

PURCHASE OF HORSE.

Appropriation,		$65 00
Paid W. H. Britton & Co.,		$65 00

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Appropriation,		$175 00
Paid B. T. Olcott, treasurer,		$175 00

HISTORY OF KEENE.

Amount paid last year,	$514 60	
Paid S. G. Griffin, historian,	362 61	
		$877 21

HIBBARD LEGACY.

Interest received,	$55 00	
Paid C. A. Mason, superintendent,	17 20	
Balance for schools,		$37 80

FAULKNER LEGACY.

Interest received,		$130 00
Paid C. A. Mason, superintendent,		$130 00

ELLIOT CITY HOSPITAL.

Appropriation,	$1,500 00	
Paid W. R. Porter, treasurer,	1,000 00	
Balance to new account,		$500 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury,	$20,615	25
Asa Smith, collector, taxes, 1890,	107	73
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1894,	144	72
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1895,	360	00
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1896,	20,500	00
A. M. Nims, collector, taxes, 1897,	71,800	00
A. M. Nims, collector, water,	19,626	08
A. M. Nims, collector, street sprinkling,	900	00
J. P. Wellman, rents,	1,196	90
J. P. Wellman, sand sold,	115	00
J. P. Wellman, Foster cemetery fund,	100	00
J. P. Wellman, dog licenses,	670	25
J. P. Wellman, police,	6	15
J. P. Wellman, error on voucher,	2	00
J. P. Wellman, billiard licenses,	60	00
J. P. Wellman, street and show licenses,	180	00
J. P. Wellman, witness fees,		77
J. P. Wellman, care of runaway boys,	1	50
J. P. Wellman, rebate on freight,	47	19
J. P. Wellman, public library fines,	100	00
J. P. Wellman, cycle path subscription,	275	00
J. P. Wellman, aid furnished William Sweeney,	4	00
J. P. Wellman, numbers sold,	3	75
J. P. Wellman, replacing bridge,	115	25
J. P. Wellman, use of derrick,	10	00
J. P. Wellman, rent of reservoir,	175	00
J. F. Emmons, rent city hall,	846	00
L. W. Holmes, police court fines,	2,594	00
C. C. Buffum, police court fines,	6	00
E. H. Fletcher, town of Westmoreland,	29	00

E. H. Fletcher, aid to dependent soldiers,	$265 78
E. H. Fletcher, support county paupers,	4,067 62
E. H. Fletcher, aid Catherine Reardon,	15 00
L. K. Stiles, rent pasture,	50 00
L. K. Stiles, work, gravel sold, etc.,	11 93
L. K. Stiles, Washington street appropriation,	250 00
P. F. Babbidge, water department,	585 57
P. F. Babbidge, sewer department,	247 68
A. L. Wright, interest on account Dec. 1, to Jan. 1, 1897,	19 01
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, loan,	16,000 00
A. F. Gardner, peddlar's license,	8 00
R. H. Porter, interest, Hibbard fund,	55 00
R. H. Porter, interest, C. S. Faulkner fund,	130 00
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, ministerial fund,	1,202 87
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Packard fund,	90 00
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Fletcher fund,	86 85
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Fireman's relief fund,	31 79
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Simmons and Eastburn fund,	67 30
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, Coolidge fund,	266 01
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, L. J. Colony fund,	51 77
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, sinking fund,	2,430 42
R. H. Porter, dividend, savings bank, sinking fund,	384 54
A. H. Grimes, sale of liquors,	143 41
N. G. Woodbury estate, trust fund,	300 00
W. S. Tuttle, state vs. E. Fowler,	5 76

S. A. Carter, state treasurer, insurance tax, 1896,	$551 25	
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, railroad tax, 1896,	5,840 39	
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, savings bank tax, 1896,	9,426 07	
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, literary fund,	964 60	
		$184,140 16

EXPENDITURES.

Orders outstanding Dec. 1, 1896,	$525 30
Ordinary city charges,	7,949 90
City paupers,	2,901 36
County paupers,	3,945 71
Highway department,	12,549 30
Fire department,	3,696 32
Police department,	3,231 39
Water works maintenance,	3,590 44
Water works extensions,	83 53
McKinley street extension,	13 35
Sewer maintenance,	1,125 63
New sewers,	218 00
Gas and gasoline street lights,	2,285 61
Electric street lights,	4,575 00
County tax,	8,308 88
Union school district,	29,447 97
City school district,	2,227 79
Public library,	626 04
Public library expense,	715 84
Macadam,	173 30
School books and supplies,	2,062 98
City aid furnished dependent soldiers or their families.	178 00
County aid furnished dependent soldiers or their families,	327 65
Parks,	372 02

Interest on bonds,	$8,695 00	
Payment of railroad gratuity bonds,	15,000 00	
Payment of note,	5,000 00	
Numbering houses,	22 93	
Coolidge annuity,	800 00	
Board of education and school board,	240 00	
Sprinkling,	50 25	
Franklin and Spring streets drain,	103 35	
Bridges (from 1896),	45 00	
Ingersoll fountain,	139 97	
Purchase of harnesses (from 1896),	288 50	
Land damage,	165 32	
Interest,	342 55	
Brush fires,	30 25	
Swing harnesses for steamer,	55	
Borrowed money,	16,000 00	
Damage done by dogs,	74 00	
Town of Westmoreland pauper,	29 00	
Trust funds,	3,790 29	
Bridges,	205 30	
Cycle path,	244 26	
Changes on Washington street,	250 00	
Snow plows,	100 00	
Hose,	539 00	
Horse,	65 00	
Memorial exercises,	175 00	
History of Keene,	362 61	
Hibbard legacy,	17 20	
Faulkner legacy,	130 00	
Elliot City Hospital,	1,000 00	
State tax, 1896,	16,645 00	
Coupons,	3,490 50	
Water bond,	100 00	
Balance in treasury,	19,058 82	
		$184,330 96
Less orders outstanding Dec. 1, 1897,		190 80
		$184,140 16

INDEBTEDNESS.

OLD WATER WORKS BONDS.

Due.	Rate of Interest.	Amount Due.
1899, January 1,	5 per cent.	$35,000

RAILROAD GRATUITY BONDS.

Due.	Rate of Interest.	Amount Due.	
1898, July 1,	4 per cent.	$15,000	
1899, "	"	15,000	
1900, "	"	15,000	
1901, "	"	15,000	
1902, "	"	15,000	
1903, "	"	15,000	
1904, "	"	10,000	
			$100,000

SEWERAGE BONDS.

Due.	Rate of Interest.	Amount Due.	
1905, July 1,	4 per cent.	$15,000	
1906, "	"	15,000	
1907, "	"	15,000	
1908, "	"	15,000	
1909, "	"	10,000	
			$70,000

WATER BONDS, LOAN OF 1887.

Due.	Rate of Interest.	Amount Due.	
1910, January 1,	3½ per cent.	$7,000	
1911, "	"	10,000	
1912, "	"	10,000	
1913, "	"	10,000	
			$37,000

WATER BONDS, LOAN OF 1891.

Due.	Rate of Interest.	Amount Due.	
1913, October 1,	4 per cent.	$5,000	
1914, "	"	10,000	
1915, "	"	10,000	
1916, "	"	10,000	
1917, "	"	10,000	
			$45,000
Total bonded city debt,			$287,000

ASSETS, DEC. 1, 1897.

Due from collector of taxes, 1895,	$127 70	
Due from collector of taxes, 1896,	2,496 96	
Due from collector of taxes, 1897,	23,841 43	
Due from street sprinkling assessments,	487 95	
Water loan sinking fund deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution,	26,610 08	
Water loan sinking fund deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	16,202 77*	
Water loan sinking fund deposited in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank,	7,690 65†	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	19,058 82	
		$96,516 36
*15 per cent. withdrawn 1896 to pay water bonds,	$2,430 42	
*15 per cent. withdrawn 1897, with treasurer,	2,430 42	
†35 per cent. withdrawn 1896 to pay water bonds,	2,691 72	
†5 per cent. withdrawn 1897 to pay water bonds,	384 54	
		$7,937 10
		$88,579 26

TRUST FUNDS.

IN CARE OF CITY TREASURER.

HIBBARD LEGACY, $1,000.

Invested in two $500 5½ per cent. Iowa Loan and Trust Company debentures. Income used in taking care of Salma Hale lot in cemetery, balance for schools.

CHAS. S. FAULKNER LEGACY, $2,500.

Invested in one $1,000 Keene water bond, two $500 Keene water bonds, one $500 city of Pueblo water bond. Income used in improving and ornamenting Woodland cemetery.

SIMMONS AND EASTBURN FUND, $1,300.

Deposited in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank. Given by David Simmons and Susan Eastburn. Interest for the relief and comfort of aged and infirm poor of Keene.

Addition given by Julius N. Morse, $1,000 in 1896.

Fund when bank was enjoined,		$1,345 94
Withdrawn in 1895,	$45 94	
Withdrawn in 1896,	425 17	
Withdrawn in 1897,	67 30	
Total, 40 per cent.,		$538 41

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MINISTERIAL FUND, $4,155.

Deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Derived from sale of wood on "ministerial lot." Interest divided annually among the clergymen of Keene.

Fund when bank was enjoined,		$4,217 33
Withdrawn in 1895,	$62 33	
Withdrawn in 1897,	$1,202 87	
Total, 30 per cent.,		$1,265 20

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RUSSELL FUND, $300.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest used in taking care of Lucinda Russell lot in cemetery, balance for improving and ornamenting Woodland cemetery.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND, $620.69.

Deposited in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank. Interest to be used under direction of officers of fire department for relief of firemen injured in discharge of duty.

Fund when bank was enjoined,		$635 69
Withdrawn in 1895,	$15 00	
Withdrawn in 1896,	207 49	
Withdrawn in 1897,	31 79	
Total, 40 per cent.,		$254 28

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GATES FUND, $100.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest to be used in taking care of the "Rufus Gates lot," and balance in improving Woodland cemetery.

COOLIDGE FUND, $5,320.17.

Deposited in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank. Principal to be used toward building or furnishing a public library building.

In hands of treasurer, $1,862.06.

In hands of treasurer, $266.01.

Fund when bank was enjoined,		$5,320 17
Withdrawn in 1896,	$1,862 06	
Withdrawn in 1897,	266 01	
Total, 40 per cent.,		$2,128 07

WHITNEY FUND, $100.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest to be used annually in improving lot No. 266 in Greenlawn cemetery.

NIMS FUND, $100.

Deposited in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank. Interest to be used in taking care of the "Dauphin W. Nims lot," and balance in improving Greenlawn cemetery.

L. J. COLONY LEGACY, $1,000.

Invested in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank. Interest to be used annually in taking care of the lots of Lewis J. Colony and Joshua D. Colony, in Woodland cemetery, and balance for the general improvement of said cemetery.

Fund when bank was enjoined,		$1,035 30
Withdrawn in 1894,	$35 30	
Withdrawn in 1896,	327 05	
Withdrawn in 1897,	51 77	
Total, 40 per cent.,		$414 12

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SYMONDS FUND.

168 shares Cheshire Tanning Co., stock, par value $100 per share, and other securities. To be used in building a public library building.

BALL FUND, $200.

Deposited in Keene Guaranty Savings Bank. Interest to be used in taking care of the "Geo. W. Ball lot," in Woodland cemetery, and the "John Grimes and Mary Grimes Stearns lot," in West Keene cemetery, and balance in improving Woodland and West Keene cemeteries.

JONES FUND, $100.

Deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Interest to be used in taking care of the "Ashley Jones lot," in Woodland cemetery, and the balance for such repairs and improvements as the city councils may direct.

TOWNS FUND, $100.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest to be used, so far as needed, for the care of the "John Towns lot," in Woodland cemetery, and balance for repairs and improvements of said cemetery.

KEYES FUND, $100.

Deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Interest to be used, so much as is needed, for the care of the "Zebadiah Keyes lot," in Washington street cemetery, and the "Harvey A. Bill lot," in Woodland cemetery, and balance for repairs and improvements in said cemeteries.

INGERSOLL LEGACIES.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND, $1,000.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest to be used annually for the purchase of books for the public library.

LADIES' PARK FUND, $1,000.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest to be used annually for the care of the Ladies' park.

CEMETERY FUND, $500.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest to be used annually in the care of the "Ingersoll burial lots," in the old cemetery on Washington street.

FLETCHER FUND, $300.

Deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Interest to be used, as far as needed, for the care and adorning of the "Fletcher lot," in Greenlawn cemetery, and balance for the improvement of said cemetery.

Total when bank was enjoined,		$304 50
Withdrawn in 1895,	$4 50	
Withdrawn in 1897,	86 85	
Total, 30 per cent.,		$91 35

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BOWKER FUND, $300.

Deposited in Cheshire Provident Institution. Interest to be used in taking care of the "Bowker lot," in Woodland cemetery and the monument erected on the said lot.

PACKARD FUND, $300.

Deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Interest to be used in care of the "Packard lot," in Woodland

cemetery, and "Vose lot," in Washington street cemetery, and purchase of flowers for the same, and the balance, if any, may be paid to the G. A. R. for the decoration of soldiers' graves, or expended as the city may direct.

30 per cent. withdrawn 1897, $90 00

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FOSTER FUND, $100.

Deposited with city treasurer. Interest to be used in taking care of the lot in Woodland cemetery in which she and her husband are buried.

WOODBURY FUND, $300.

Deposited in the Keene National Bank. Interest to be used in taking care of his cemetery lot in Greenlawn cemetery.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.

City water works,	$200,000 00	
City hall building,	35,500 00	
Fire department,	13,000 00	
Land and buildings, Vernon street,	10,000 00	
Perry place, Washington street,	15,500 00	
City pasture,	2,000 00	
Stone crushing works and land,	2,000 00	
Water works, stock and tools,	3,000 00	
Highway tools, horses and steam roller,	3,500 00	
Liquors in hands of agent,	205 52	
Sprinklers,	700 00	
		$285,405 52

1897.

Valuation of the city, $6,266,894 00
Tax assessed for the year, $96,434 73

Rate of taxation, $1.35 per $100.
Additional in union school district, $0.145 per $100.
Additional in city school district, $0.025 per $100.

POLLS, VALUATION AND TAXES ASSESSED FROM 1874 TO 1897 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	No. Polls.	Valuation.	Rate of taxation per $100.	Additional in U. S. D. per $100.	Additional in C. S. D. per $100.	Taxes.
1874	1919	$4,298,386 00	$1.36	$0.04		$61,065 27
1875	1789	4,676,117 00	1.12	.28		67,354 78
1876	1813	5,737,350 00	1.00	.25		72,341 30
1877	1842	4,852,664 00	1.08	.30		75,961 25
1878	1815	5,366,918 00	1.10	.30		75,639 77
1879	1717	5,081,876 00	.83	.22		62,521 84
1880	1802	5,757,752 00	1.00	.02		60,758 18
1881	1842	5,671,628 00	1.09	.03		70,601 40
1882	1900	5,849,418 00	1.05	.04		67,430 85
1883	1908	5,936,182 00	1.15	.05		73,909 11
1884	1795	5,922,043 00	1.15	.03		72,281 96
1885	1869	5,849,292 00	1.10	.12		72,910 08
1886	1845	5,938,529 00	1.15	.13		77,764 66
1887	1961	5,950,822 00	1.15			70,894 98
1888	1999	6,089,996 00	1.20	.075	$0.06	80,105 80
1889	2075	6,096,732 00	1.20	.10	.05	81,688 24
1890	2046	6,117,404 00	1.30	.16	.08	91,870 91
1891	2126	6,051,111 00	1.25	.095	.08	84,153 70
1892	2027	6,156,366 00	1.25	.125	.02	86,895 93
1893	2051	6,259,608 00	1.25	.14	.05	89,400 98
1894	2032	6,280,468 00	1.25	.085	.03	82,235 04
1895	2090	6,223,142 00	1.15	.15	.10	83,393 75
1896	2173	6,293,686 00	1.35	.175	.06	99,341 97
1897	2173	6,266,894 00	1.35	.145	.025	96,434 73

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1898.

To the city councils of the city of Keene:

The finance committee present the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and respectfully recommend that $40,000 of the amount be raised by taxation, and the remainder be paid from any balance in the treasury:

Ordinary city charges,	$7,000 00
City paupers,	3,000 00
Dependent soldiers,	100 00
Repairing highways and bridges,	10,000 00
Macadam and repairs of macadam,	500 00
Fire department,	4,000 00
Police,	3,000 00
Electric lights,	4,600 00
Gas, gasoline and incandescent lights,	2,300 00
Public library,	500 00
Support of public library,	700 00
Memorial services,	175 00
Interest on railroad gratuity bonds,	4,000 00
Interest on sewerage bonds,	2,800 00
Interest on water bonds, loan of 1887,	1,295 00
Interest on water bonds, loan of 1891,	1,800 00
Payment of railroad gratuity bonds,	15,000 00
New sewers,	400 00
Public parks,	200 00
H. O. Coolidge annuity,	800 00
School books and supplies,	1,500 00
Elliot city hospital,	1,250 00
	$64,920 00

To meet the $35,000 in bonds becoming due January 1st, 1899, we recommend that the dividends from the sinking funds now in the treasury amounting to about $2,800, and others which may be paid during the year, together with enough from the treasury to make $10,000, be paid at the time the bonds are due; and that the balance, $25,000, be paid by money borrowed on time or demand notes.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of city treasurer, and city clerk, and find the same correctly kept and properly vouched.

F. A. PERRY,
WALTER R. PORTER,
FRED E. BARRETT,
Joint Standing Committee on Finance.

Keene, December 15, 1897.

WATER WORKS AND SEWERS.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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PAUL F. BABBIDGE.

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JOHN A. DENISON.

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WATER WORKS AND SEWERS.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT,

BY THE

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS.

To the City Councils:

We herewith transmit the twenty-eighth annual report of the superintendent of the Keene water works, together with the fourteenth annual report of the superintendent of sewers.

The financial account for the year is as follows:

Assessments and arrearages as given to the collector,		$24,599 24
Amount collected,	$19,636 04	
Amount of discounts,	3,517 44	
Amount abated,	351 34	
Amount unpaid,	1,094 42	
		$24,599 24

The earnings for the year are as follows:

Assessments Nos. 55 and 56,	$18,756 06	
Meters,	4,556 50	
Sale of ice and stock,	760 57	
		$24,073 13
Less advance discounts,	$3,517 44	
Abatements,	351 34	
		$3,868 78
		$20,204 35
Gross earnings,	$20,204 35	
Maintenance,	2,196 41	
Net earnings,		$18,007 94

The construction account has not been increased to a great extent during the past year, and indications are, that the demands on this account will not be excessive in the near future. We therefore respectfully ask your consideration of further appropriations to continue the work of relaying the Sylvan lake main.

The superintendent has in the past found difficulty in connecting the relaid portions of this line with the old pipe, on account of its dilapidated condition, having in some cases been obliged to put in a few more lengths of iron pipe than intended, in order to find a place in the cement pipe suitable for making the connection.

This illustrates the unserviceable condition of this main. As iron pipe can now be purchased at the lowest price ever known, and it is a well understood fact that work of this nature can be done to much better advantage after due preparation, we advise a liberal appropriation this year, having in view the completion of the work in the near future. We may in this way avoid being compelled to do the work at great disadvantage when unprepared.

The superintendent's report includes other suggestions,

which are omitted here as they are within the jurisdiction of this board.

With the exceptions noted the works are in excellent condition and are showing a fair gain in net income.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. GURNSEY,
G. W. FISHER,
CHAS. M. NORWOOD,
Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith submit the twenty-eighth annual report of the water department, and the fourteenth annual report of the sewer department for the year ending December 1, 1897.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

SERVICE PIPES.

Reported Dec. 1, 1896,	1,582	
Additions to Dec. 1, 1897,	31	
Whole number Dec. 1, 1897,		1,613

ASSESSMENTS.

No. fifty-five,	$8,849 41	
No. fifty-six,	9,906 65	
Meters,	4,556 50	
		$23,312 56
Uncollected, Dec. 1, 1896,		1,286 68
Total amount given to collector,		$24,599 24
Cash received on account of water works,		$585 57
Deposited with city treasurer,		$585 57

MAINTENANCE.

Paid N. G. Gurnsey, salary as commissioner,	$25	00
G. W. Fisher, salary as commissioner,	5	00
C. M. Norwood, salary as commissioner,	25	00
Paul F. Babbidge, salary as superintendent,	800	04
Pay-roll, labor,	1,315	52
H. W. Hubbard, repairs, tools,	1	00
A. B. Denison, filing saws, etc.,	4	33
E. R. Angell, analysis, water,	21	50
H. Houghton, trucking,	1	10
G. H. Tilden, supplies,	1	40
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	49	00
Humphrey Machine Co., castings,	20	97
Barrett & Alden, brick meters,	4	60
Aldrich & Dutton, supplies,		70
A. G. Grimes, trucking,	1	00
R. Ray, repairs, tools,	16	10
U. S. Concrete Co., concrete,	3	00
Sawyer & Mason, directory,	1	50
Town of Nelson, taxes,	10	01
Town of Roxbury, taxes,	157	21
W. H. Spalter, supplies,	1	32
J. A. Denison, teams,	20	00
W. G. Hall Est., supplies,		16
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight,	19	43
Ludlow Valve Co., hydrants, gates, etc.,	219	61
Builders Iron Foundry, castings,	146	72
E. M. Dartt, stop and waste cocks,	32	40
A. A. Clough & Co., frames for plans,	5	00
Knowlton & Stone, supplies,	81	19
Crane Co., pipe, etc.,	15	41
A. E. Fish, screens,	3	00
E. J. Inman, printing,	11	75

Paid G. M. Rossman, supplies,	$1 25	
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipes, etc.,	121 81	
Spencer & Co., supplies,	58	
Chadwick Lead Works, lead,	72 56	
National Meter Co., meters,	179 90	
Union Meter Co., meters,	21 25	
J. D. Colony & Son, printing,	9 75	
Thompson Meter Co., meters,	50 29	
Nason Mfg. Co., pipe, express, boxes, etc.,	68 65	
J. H. Cunningham, pipe,	24 43	
Highway department, team, work,	7 80	
		$3,598 24

Cr.

By stock on extensions,	$469 62	
Stock on meters,	346 64	
Cash for labor, etc.,	585 57	
		$1,401 83
		$2,196 41

WATER EXTENSIONS.

WILSON ST., 4-IN.

Paid from stock, pipe, hydrant, gate, etc.,	$153 01	
Pay-roll, labor,	21 07	
		$174 08

FOUNDRY ST., 2-IN.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, etc.,	$41 30	
Pay-roll, labor,	15 72	
		$57 02

SPRUCE ST., 2-IN.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$11 64	
Pay-roll, labor,	6 41	
		$18 05

RUSSELL ST., 2-IN.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, etc.,	$24 50	
Pay-roll, labor,	6 96	
		$31 46

MC KINLEY ST.

Paid H. M. Nims, labor,		$13 35

WEST ST.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, lead, etc.,	$55 07	
Pay-roll, labor,	6 80	
		$61 87

WINCHESTER ST.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, lead, etc.,	$33 01	
Pay-roll, labor,	7 77	
		$40 78

WATER ST.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, lead, etc.,	$37 66	
Pay-roll, labor,	5 65	
		$44 31

MARLBORO' ST.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, lead, etc.,	$31 64	
Pay-roll, labor,	5 15	
		$36 79

WASHINGTON ST.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, lead, labor,		$45 16

LEVERETT ST.

Paid from stock, pipe, gate, lead, etc.,	$36 63	
Pay-roll, labor,	7 00	
		$43 63
Highway department teams,		17 50
		$584 00

Cost of extensions, 1897,	$584 00	
Cost of extensions to Dec. 1, 1896,	226,787 52	
Total cost of extensions, Dec. 1, 1897,		$227,371 52
Total cost of reconstruction, Dec. 1, 1897,		81,258 70
Total cost of works, Dec. 1, 1897,		$308,630 22

PIPE LAID IN 1897.

	Hydrant.	2-in.	4-in.	6-in.	8-in.	Gate.
Winchester,				24		1
Water,				36		1
Marlboro',				20		1
Washington,				36		1
Leverett,				30		1
Wilson,	1		392			1
Foundry,		240				1
Spruce,		97				
Russell,		100				1
West,					35	1
	1	437	392	146	35	9

METER ACCOUNT.

Paid from stock, meters, labor, etc.,		$346 64
Cost of meters, 1897,	$346 64	
Reported cost of meters to Dec. 1, 1896,	4,174 94	
Total cost of meters to Dec. 1, 1897,		$4,521 58

METERS ON HAND DECEMBER 1, 1897.

1 4-inch; 1 3-inch; 6 2-inch; 6 1½-inch; 5 1-inch; 10 ¾-inch; 6 ⅝-inch. Total, 35.

KEENE WATER WORKS.

Main and Distribution Pipes in Use Dec. 1, 1897.

Streets.	Hydrant.	Wrought Iron.			Cast Iron Pipe.								Cement Lined.			
		1 in.	1½ in.	2 in.	4 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.	24 in.	4 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.
Adams,	3				404	1157										
Armory,	1				960											
Appian Way,	2				1236											
Appleton,				700												
Ashuelot,	1				24	1180										
Ashuelot Ct.,				200												
Baker,				573		635										
Beaver,	5		156		84	170	2400									
Brook,				565												
Beech,	1				780											
Butler Ct.,	1															
Baldwin,					165											
Castle,	1	38		12	715											
Carpenter,	1				340											
Chesterfield,	1					1725										
Chestnut,					450											
Court,	16				444	24			8488					6046	520	490
Central Sq.,	2				70		300	120	350							
Centre,					420											
Church,	4				60	3088										
Colorado,	1				12	910										
Carroll,	1				1308											
Cottage,	1				600											
Coolidge,					575											

Main and Distribution Pipes in Use Dec. 1, 1897.— *Continued.*

Streets.	Hydrant.	Wrought Iron.			Cast Iron Pipe.								Cement Lined.			
		1 in.	1½ in.	2 in.	4 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.	24 in.	4 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.
Cross,	3				36		1485									
Dover,					865											
Davis,	1			1120	24	860										
Douglass,	1			255	689											
Dunbar,	3				70	1400										
Eastern Ave.,				569												
Elliot,																
Elm,	8				386	4435										
Emerald,	7				957	486	1240									
Ellis,					482											
Forest,	1				412	1180										
Foster,				1002												
Fairfield Ct.,					225											
Franklin,	1				12	960										
Fowler,					530											
Foundry,				240												
George,	2			1015	1100											
Gilsum,	2			830	354	1150										
Greenlawn,				540	36											
Grant,	1				630											
Green,				255	50											
Grove,	1			422	420	50										
Gates,				695												
Gurnsey,					510											
Harrison,	2				24		1138									
High,	1				1820											

Main and Distribution Pipes in Use Dec. 1, 1897.— *Continued.*

Streets.	Hydrant.	Wrought Iron.			Cast Iron Pipe.								Cement Lined.			
		1 in.	1½ in.	2 in.	4 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.	24 in.	4 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.
Howard,	3				60	1880										
Howard Ct.,				337	24											
Island,	1				108	2050										
Kelleher,	1			745	519											
Leverett,	1				36	850										
Linden,					36											
Madison,					516											
Main,	16				5703	1709	284	756	1738							
McKinley,	2				824	436										
Midway,					310											
Maple,					560											
Marlboro',	7			162	72	4369										
Mechanic,	2				48	1100										
Middle,	1				450											
Myrtle,	2			230	36	1050										
North Lincoln,	1				299		560									
North,		150	180			379										
Page,				400	290											
Pine,					674	60										
Park Ave.,	3				48	2487										
Park,	1				634											
Pearl,	6				72	4000										
Pitcher,				450												
Pleasant,				306	24											
Portland,				120	320											
Prospect,	1				610											

Main and Distribution Pipes in Use Dec. 1, 1897.— *Continued.*

Streets.	Hydrant.	Wrought Iron.			Cast Iron Pipe.								Cement Lined.			
		1 in.	1½ in.	2 in.	4 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.	24 in.	4 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.
Probate,					349											
Railroad,	9				120	422	1517						386			
Railroad Sq.,	2				100	515										
Ralston,	1				24		1000									
River,	1				16	520										
Roxbury,	7				180				2960	564	392	129		400	190	200
Russell,				500												
School,	4				56	990	860									
South Lincoln,	4				36		1990									
South,	1			152	998											
Spring,	2				268	1000										
St. James,					418											
Spruce,	1			699	12	500										
Sullivan,				803												
Summer,	1				424	396										
Tannery,	1				470											
Taylor,	1				500											
Terrace,				475	355											
Towns,				263	48											
Union,	1				1255											
Valley,	1				625											
Vernon,	1			244	360											
Washington,	12				535	2044	3696									
Washington Ave.,	1				700											
Water,	7			212	101	3189	270						422			
Wilford,	1				375											

MAIN AND DISTRIBUTION PIPES IN USE DEC. 1, 1897.— *Continued.*

STREETS.	Hydrant.	WROUGHT IRON.			CAST IRON PIPE.								CEMENT LINED.			
		1 in.	1½ in.	2 in.	4 in.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.	24 in.	4 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.
Willow,	1			190	356											
Wilson,	1			245	416											
Winchester,	10				4456	932	744									
Winchester Ct.,				525												
Winter,	1				430	532										
Wells,				210	48											
West,	12				240	1408	5840						511			
Woodburn,	1				890											
Wilbur,				365	510											
Echo lake main,							14255	891	325	147						
Totals,	208	363	336	17796	43038	54433	37614	1767	13951	711	392	129	985	6446	710	690

RECAPITULATION.

Wrought iron pipe,	18,102 feet.
Cast iron pipe,	152,035 "
Cement lined pipe,	8,831 "
	178,968 feet, or 33 miles, 4728 feet.

NO. AND LOCATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS.

NO.	POST.	FLUSH.	STREET.	LOCATION.
1	L*		Arch.	South side, near Dr. Russell's.
2	L		Adams.	West side, cor. Elliot st.
3	L		"	West side, cor. Gates st.
4	L		"	West side, cor. Baker st.
5	L		Armory.	West side, cor. North st.
6	M*		Appian.	South side, between Main and Madison sts.
7	M		"	South side, opposite Madison st.
8	L		Ashuelot.	East side, south of Park st.
9	L		Beaver.	South side, opposite Page st.
10	L		"	South side, west of Beaver brook.
11	L		"	North side, opposite Dover st.
12	L		"	North side, east of Beech st.
13	L		"	North side, west of Grant st.
14	L		Beech.	East side, between Beaver and Roxbury sts.
15	M		Butler Court.	West side, south of Winchester st.
16	M 4-way.		Central Sq.	South side of park.
17	L		"	Northeast side of park.
18	L		Church.	North side, west cor. of Norway Ave.
19	L		"	North side, opposite Wells st.
20	L		"	South side, east of Gurnsey st.
21	L		"	South side, opposite Probate st.
22	L		Colorado.	West side, north of West st.
23	L		Cottage.	North side, east end of street.
24	M 3-way.		Court.	West side, front of Court house.
25	M		"	West side, opposite Vernon st.
26	M		"	West side, opposite Mechanic st.
27	M		"	West side, south cor. of School st.
28	M		"	West side, opposite Cross st.
29	L		"	East side, north cor. of High st.
30	L		"	West side, opposite Forest st.
31	L		"	West side, north cor. Portland st.
32	L		"	West side, south of Linden st.
33	L		"	West side, opposite North st.
34	L		"	East side, north of North st.
35	L		"	West side, at glue works.
36	M		"	West side, at glue works.
37	L		"	West side, near Elm street.
38	M		"	West side, near H. M. Darling's.
39	L		"	East side, near Levi Allen's.
40	L		Carpenter.	West side, opposite Fowler st.
41	L		Cross.	North side, east of Howard st.
42	L		"	North side, opposite Green st.
43	L		"	South side, west cor. of Elm st.
44	L		Castle.	North side, opposite Ashuelot st.
45	L		Carroll.	East side, north of High st.
46	L		Davis.	North side, east cor. of Wilson st.
47	L		Douglass.	West side, north of Roxbury st.

*L—Ludlow. M—Matthews.

No. and Location of Fire Hydrants,—*Continued.*

NO.	POST.	FLUSH.	STREET.	LOCATION.
48		H*	Dunbar.	North side, west of shoe shop.
49	L		"	North side, opposite Crossfield st.
50	L		"	South side, east of Main st.
51	L		Elm.	East side, north of Mechanic st.
52	L		"	East side, near Union st.
53	L		"	East side, north cor. of High st.
54	L		"	East side, opposite Baldwin st.
55	L		"	East side, south cor. of Spruce st.
56	L		"	West side, north cor. of North st.
57	L		"	East side, north of North st.
58	M		Emerald.	South side, east cor. of Wilson st.
59	M		"	North side, opposite Dunn & Salisbury's.
60		H	"	North side, opposite Ralston st.
61	M		"	North side, west of Ralston st.
62	M		"	North side, west end of Emerald st.
63	L		"	East side, near gas works.
64		H	"	North side, near master mechanic's office.
65	L		Forest.	West side, south of Baldwin st.
66	M		Franklin.	West side, north of Spring st.
67	L		George.	North side, near foot of hill.
68		H	"	North side, east of Beaver brook.
69	L		Gilsum.	West side, north cor. of North st.
70	L		"	West side, north of Washington st.
71	L		Grove.	West side, opposite Myrtle st.
72	L		Grant.	West side, north of Roxbury st.
73	M		Harrison.	East side, north cor. of Church st.
74	M 3-way.		"	East side, south of Beaver brook.
75	L		High.	South side, east cor. of Carroll st.
76	L		Howard.	West side, north cor. of High st.
77	L		"	East side, north of Maple st.
78	L		"	East side, opposite Spruce st.
79	M		Island.	West side, south of railroad.
80	L		Kelleher.	East side, opposite house No. 45.
81	L		Leverett.	West cor. of River street.
82	L		Lincoln.	West side, south cor. of Church st.
83	L		"	West side, south of Church st.
84	L		"	West side, north cor. of Water st.
85	L		"	West side, south of Roxbury st.
86	L		"	East side, south cor. of Beaver st.
87	M		Main.	West side, south cor. of West st.
88	M		"	East side, south cor. of Church st.
89	M		"	West side, north cor. of Railroad Sq.
90	M		"	West side, south of Railroad.
91	M		"	West side, south cor. of Emerald st.
92	L		"	West side, south cor. of Davis st.
93	L		"	East side, south cor. of Marlboro' st.
94	L		"	West side, south cor. of Winchester st.

*H—Humphrey.

No. and Location of Fire Hydrants.—*Continued.*

NO.	POST.	FLUSH.	STREET.	LOCATION.
95	M		Main.	West side, north cor. of Appian way.
96	M		"	West side, front of city hall.
97	M		"	West side, south of Gates st.
98	M		"	West side, opposite Baker st.
99	M		"	West side, front of E. F. Lane's.
100	L		"	West side, at J. S. Taft & Co's.
101	L		"	West side, near Park entrance.
102	L		"	West side, near Knight's.
103	L		Marlboro'.	South side, east of Main st.
104	L		"	South side, opposite Grove st.
105	L		"	South side, west cor. Kelleher st.
106		H	"	South side, east of Beaver brook.
107		H	"	South side, west of Baker st.
108		H	"	North side, east of Baker st.
109		H	"	South side, east of Baker st.
110	L		McKinley.	South side, east of Park Ave.
111	L		"	West side, south of Russell st.
112	M		Mechanic.	North side, east cor. of Pleasant st.
113	M		"	North side, west cor. of Elm st.
114	M		Middle.	West side, opposite Center st.
115	M		Myrtle.	North side, opposite Foster st.
116	M		"	West side, east of Beaver brook.
117	L		Park.	North side, west of Colorado st.
118	L		Park Ave.	East side, north of West st.
119	L		"	East side, cor. of Russell st.
120	L		"	East side, north of Russell st.
121	L		"	East side, opposite Arch st.
122		H	Pearl.	West side, north of railroad.
123		H	"	West side, south of Hart place.
124		H	"	West side, at Ash swamp road.
125		H	"	West side, near turn of road.
126		H	"	North side, 600 feet west of school house.
127		H	"	South side, west of school house.
128	H		Prospect.	North side, west of Forest st., near top of hill.
129	L		Railroad.	North side, west cor. of Wells st.
130	L		"	South side, near Wright's meat house.
131	M		"	South side, east of 93d st.
132		H	"	South side, at Humphrey's shop.
133	M		"	North side, at Beaver mills office.
134	H		"	Southwest cor. Cheshire Chair shop.
135	L		"	West of Cheshire Chair shop.
136	L		"	East of Furniture shop.
137	H		"	South side of Furniture shop.
138	L		Railroad Sq.	South side, west of passenger depot.
139	L		"	North side, opposite freight depot.
140	L		Ralston.	East side, north cor. of Davis st.
141	M		Roxbury.	South side, near livery stable.

No. and Location of Fire Hydrants.—*Continued.*

NO.	POST.	FLUSH.	SEREET.	LOCATION.
142	M		Roxbury.	North side, front of Davis & Wright Co's.
143	M		"	North side, opposite Norway Ave.
144	M		"	South side, opposite Franklin st.
145	M		"	North side, east cor. of Beech st.
146	M		"	North side, west cor. of Lincoln st.
147		H	"	West side, opposite Terrace st.
148	L		School.	East side, north of Winter st.
149	L		"	East side, south of Castle st.
150	L		"	East side, cor. of West st.
151	L		"	East side, opposite Leverett st.
152	L		Spring.	North side, west cor. of Towns st.
153	L		"	North side, east cor. of Brook st.
154	L		Spruce.	North side, east cor. of Forest st.
155	M		Summer.	North side, opposite Middle st.
156	L		South.	West side, south of Marlboro' st.
157	M		Tannery.	West side, near Tannery st.
158	L		Taylor.	North side, east of Towns st.
159	L		Union.	North side, east cor. of Green st.
160	L		Valley.	West side, south of Church st.
161	M		Vernon.	North side, west cor. of Elm st.
162	M		Washington.	East side, north of city hall.
163	M		"	East side, north cor. of Spring st.
164	L		"	West side, north cor. of Mechanic st.
165	L		"	East side, north cor. of Beaver st.
166	L		"	West side, north cor. of Pine st.
167	L		"	East side, south of Greenlawn st.
168	L		"	East side, south cor. of Cottage st.
169	L		"	East side, south of Wilford st.
170	L		"	East side, south of Washington Ave.
171	L		"	East side, north of George st.
172	L		"	East side, north of George st.
173	L		" [Ave.	East side, near Morse's.
174	L		Washington	North side, west cor. of Ellis ct.
175	L		Water.	South side, east of Main st.
176	L		"	South side, west cor. of Willow st.
177	L		"	South side, west of Grove st.
178	L		"	South side, west of railroad.
179	L		"	South side, east of railroad.
180	L		"	South side, opposite Valley st.
181		H	"	South side, top of hill.
182		H	Wilford.	North side, near Green's shop.
183	L		Willow.	East side, south of Water st.
184	M		Winter.	South side, opposite Middle st.
185	L		Woodburn.	East side, south cor. of Linden st.
186	L		West.	North side, west of postoffice.
187	M		"	North side, west of St. James st.
188	M		"	North side, east cor. of Colorado st.
189	M		"	North side, east cor. of Ashuelot st.

No. and Location of Fire Hydrants.—*Continued.*

NO.	POST.	FLUSH.	STREET.	LOCATION.
190	L		West.	South side, west cor. of Island st.
191	L		"	North side, west of bridge.
192	L		"	North side, opposite Pearl st.
193	L		"	North side, west of Pearl st.
194	L		"	North side, opposite C. P. Pitcher's.
195	L		"	North side, east cor. of McKinley st.
196	M		"	North side, opposite Tannery place.
197		H	"	North side, opposite Foster's house.
198	M		Winchester.	North side, opposite Madison st.
199	M		"	North side, west of railroad.
200	M		"	North side, opposite Winchester ct.
201		H	"	South side, west cor. of Winchester ct.
202		H	"	West side, south of school house.
203		H	"	West side, opposite Whitcomb farm.
204		H	"	West side, at Burnap ct.
205		H	"	West side, front of brick house.
206		H	"	East side, at A. J. Williams'.
207		H	"	East side, at Hamblet's old place.
208	L		Wilson.	West side, south of Davis st.

RECAPITULATION.

Matthews post, 4-way,.....1
Matthews post, 3-way,.....2
Matthews post, 2-way,.....51
Ludlow post, 2-way,.....125
Humphrey post, 2-way, ...3
Humphrey flush, 2-way,.....26

Total number of hydrants in service, Dec. 1, 1897, 208

STOCK ON HAND DECEMBER 1, 1897.

10 feet of 16-inch cast iron pipe.
36 feet of 14-inch cast iron pipe.
324 feet of 12-inch cast iron pipe.
48 feet of 10-inch cast iron pipe.
100 feet of 8-inch cast iron pipe.
660 feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe.
996 feet of 4-inch cast iron pipe.
1 12x6 cast iron T.
1 12x4 cast iron T.
1 10x4 cast iron T.
1 8x8 cast iron T.
4 8x6 cast iron Ts.
1 8x4 cast iron T.
10 6x4 cast iron Ts.
10 6x6 cast iron Ts.
8 6-inch ¼ cast iron bends.
5 4-inch ¼ cast iron bends.
1 8-inch to 6-inch cast iron reducer.
1 10-inch to 8-inch cast iron reducer.
4 8-inch cast iron sleeves.
4 6-inch cast iron sleeves.
1 4-inch cast iron sleeves.
48 feet of 8-inch wrought iron pipe.
17 feet of 6-inch wrought iron pipe, tarred.
29 feet of 4-inch wrought iron pipe, tarred.
15 feet of 3-inch wrought iron pipe, tarred.
30 feet of 2½-inch wrought iron pipe, tarred.
71 feet of 1½-inch wrought iron pipe, tarred.
120 feet of 1¼-inch wrought iron pipe, tarred.
60 feet of 1¼-inch wrought iron pipe, galvanized.
400 feet of 1-inch wrought iron pipe, galvanized.
650 feet of ¾-inch wrought iron pipe, galvanized.
75 feet of 1-inch wrought iron pipe, lead lined.
95 feet of ¾-inch wrought iron pipe, lead lined.
200 feet of ½-inch wrought iron pipe, galvanized.
1 8-inch gate.

4 6-inch gates.
3 4-inch gates.
6 2-inch gates.
4 1½-inch gates.
5 1¼-inch gates.
4 1-inch gates.
4 ¾-inch gates.
15 valve stems.
2 Ludlow hydrant stems.
1 2-inch stop and waste cock.
1 1¼-inch check valve.
15 1¼-inch stop and waste cocks.
30 1-inch stop and waste cocks.
21 ¾-inch stop and waste cocks.
10 1¼ corporation cocks.
85 1-inch corporation cocks.
5 ¾-inch corporation cocks.
75 extension boxes.
Small pipe fittings.
600 pounds lead pipe.
3 hydrant gates.
200 pounds solder,
100 feet of ¼-inch block tin pipe.

ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF RENTALS, ETC.

Semi-annual assessments of rents for use of water are made on the first days of June and December, except metered water, which is due in March, June, September and December, and are payable to the collector, who will be at his office at suitable times for that purpose, of which due notice will from time to time be given; and all regular patrons of the works making payment within forty days from the date of any such assessment—with the understanding that no rebate is to be claimed for any temporary discontinuance of any use for which payment is made—shall be entitled to

a discount of twenty per cent. from the regular rates; and all rates not paid in advance or during the forty days from the date of assessment as aforesaid, are to be charged at full advertised rates, and to be deemed due and payable at the expiration of six months' use.

[CHAPTER IV, SECTION 18, CITY ORDINANCES.]

The superintendent shall notify all water takers who are in arrears one assessment that immediate payment is necessary; and if such payment is not made within thirty days after such notice is given, the superintendent shall then immediately shut off the water from the premises occupied by such persons until the assessment is paid in full, with an additional charge of one dollar to cover expenses.

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL RATES.

For the ordinary and legitimate uses of each family having the usual kitchen fixtures only, and not including use for watering gardens or other purposes, as follows:

For first four persons or less,	$5 00
For each additional person,	50
For each additional room supplied with fixtures, not otherwise rated,	1 00
For one bath tub,	4 00
For each bath tub exceeding one,	2 00
For one water closet,	4 00
For each water closet exceeding one,	2 00
Boilers for water or steam heating,	$1.25 to 10 00
Hose or hydrant for garden or lawn sprinkling (for four months),	4 00
And upward according to use required.	
Ornamental fountains (limited use),	6 00
Hotels, for each room to twenty-five,	1 00
Each room exceeding twenty-five,	50
Hotel stables, each stall to ten,	1 25
Hotel stables, each stall exceeding ten,	50

Livery stables, each horse to twenty,	$2 50
Each horse exceeding twenty,	1 25
Private stables, for first two horses, each,	2 50
Each horse exceeding two,	1 25

Water for washing carriages to be included in stable rates.

Oxen or cows, each,	1 25

Special rates for large number.

Restaurants, apothecaries and photographers, $8.00 and upward.

Stores or shops using moderate quantities of water,	5 00
Rooms used exclusively as offices,	2 50

Meter rates for manufacturing purposes:

For the first 1,000 gallons per day,	15
For the second 1,000 gallons per day,	10
For the third 1,000 gallons per day,	05
All over 3,000 gallons per day,	02½

Drinking fountains and watering places for public use and hydrants or fixtures for the protection of the property of any private individuals against fire, provided and maintained at private expense by approval of the commissioners, free.

For all other purposes not enumerated, special rates may be made by the commissioners. Rates for temporary uses, or for periods of less than one year, may be charged at an advance of fifty to one hundred per cent. on the schedule of annual rates, according to the season and nature of the use.

The minimum rate for garden hose or lawn sprinkler is based upon the use of a one-fourth inch jet or its equivalent, not exceeding one hour each day for the season of four months from June to September, and no deduction will be made for partial discontinuance of use.

The rate for ornamental fountains is based upon the equivalent of a one-sixteenth inch jet at standard pressure, averaging not exceeding four hours' daily use during the months of June to September, inclusive, and subject to such

other restrictions as occasion may require, without deduction for partial discontinuance of use.

Approved and adopted by the board of water and sewer commissioners for the city of Keene, April 13, 1889.

The works are in excellent condition, the gates, hydrants, etc., have been inspected and put in thorough repair. One hydrant and twelve gates have been added to the system the past year.

At Sylvan lake a barbed wire fence of four strands has been built around the entire lake, making a much needed improvement, at a cost of $102.18.

The 8-inch main in Harrison street, where it crosses Beaver Brook was raised and laid just under the planking, making it possible to repair the pipe at any time.

The most serious break occurred in the Roaring Brook main at a point where it crosses the Branch; owing to the high water, this was difficult and expensive to repair. In view of the danger of a break in extreme high water, I would respectfully recommend that a by-pass be laid over the Branch, which would not be very expensive, and would guard against the city being shut off from the Roaring Brook supply.

The present consumption is so large that Sylvan lake will only give about thirty-five (35) pounds pressure, which is not enough to reach some of the higher parts of the city.

Six blow-offs or outlets of full size of the mains have been put in the following streets: Washington street, above George street; Leverett street, near School street; Winchester street, at the river; West street, at the river; Water street, at Beaver Brook; Marlboro' street, at Beaver Brook; and with those already in, namely, two on Court street, one on Roxbury street, and one at foot of Main street, the necessity of using the hydrants for clearing the main pipes, will to a great extent be obviated.

I would respectfully call your attention to the Court street main, the condition of which, in case of a bad break in the Roaring Brook main, would be of great importance to the city, as the city would have to depend entirely on Sylvan lake for its water supply.

Several streets that are now supplied with water through 2-inch pipe, should be relaid with larger sizes, as 2-inch pipe gives poor domestic and no fire service.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL F. BABBIDGE,
Superintendent.

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Connections reported December 1, 1896,	829	
Additions reported to December 1, 1897,	54	
		858

RECEIPTS.

Received for connections and labor,	$247 68
Deposited with treasurer,	247 68

MAINTENANCE.

Paid P. F. Babbidge, salary as supt.,	$399 96	
Pay roll, labor,	591 50	
G. M. Rossman, supplies,	2 45	
Barrett & Alden, brick,	4 03	
Nims, Whitney & Co., boxes,	7 60	
C. H. Bridgman, oil,	4 63	
W. L. Goodnow, supplies,	3 75	
C. Millar & Son, pipe,	62 93	
W. Vose, trucking,	75	
Knowlton & Stone, supplies,	20 55	
A. E. Fish, screens,	3 00	
C. M. Cummings, supplies,	4 00	
H. W. Hubbard, repairing tools,	4 80	
L. E. Mason, supplies,	1 00	
R. Ray, repairing tools,	60	
Keene Furniture Co., lumber,	8 08	
L. E. Joslin, work,	6 00	
Highway department, team work,	3 50	
		$1,129 13

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By stock on new sewers,	$248 59	
Cash,	247 68	
		$496 27
		$632 85

NEW SEWERS.

WILSON STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$14 25	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	3 27	
Pay-roll, labor,	10 55	
		$28 07

BALDWIN STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$14 23	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	3 30	
Pay-roll, labor,	24 65	
		$42 18

ARMORY STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$42 75	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	10 00	
Pay-roll, labor,	14 46	
		$67 21

SPRUCE STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$12 73	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	2 63	
Pay-roll, labor,	19 55	
		$34 91

WASHINGTON STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$23 85	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	5 30	
		$29 15

DOUGLASS STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$36 50	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	8 64	
Pay-roll, labor,	25 12	
		$70 26

CARROLL STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$41 75	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	10 00	
Pay-roll, labor,	22 10	
		$73 85

EMERALD STREET.

Paid from stock, pipe, etc.,	$62 53	
Fitchburg R. R., freight,	14 29	
Pay-roll, labor,	44 14	
		$120 96

Cost of new sewers, 1897,	$466 59
Reported cost, Dec. 1, 1896,	86,795 83
Total cost of sewers, Dec. 1, 1897,	$87,262 42

NEW SEWERS LAID IN 1897.

Douglass street,	6-inch,	380 feet.
Carroll street,	"	450 "
Emerald street,	"	645 "
Wilson street,	"	144 "
Baldwin street,	"	145 "
Armory street,	"	450 "
Spruce street,	"	115 "
Washington street,	"	240 "
Total,		2,569 feet.

KEENE SEWERS.

Mains and Laterals in Use Dec. 1, 1897.

Street.	M H	Tank.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	15 in.
Adams,		1	1240				
Appian Way,		1	1325				
Armory,			450				
Baldwin,			200				
Baker,			599				
Beaver,		3	1325				
Beech,			760				
Brook,	2		575			750	
Butler Court,	4						1085
Carpenter,			340				
Carroll,		1	880				
Central Square,	2		280		285		
Centre,		1	370				
Church,	3	1	2690	850			
Chestnut,			265				
City hall,		1	312				
Colorado,		1	500				
Coolidge,		1	340				
Court,	2		3120		655		
Cross,		2	1000				
Davis,	3					1400	
Douglass,		1	1060				
Dover,			880				
Dunbar,		1	1010				
Edwards,			425				
Elliot,		1	880				
Elm,			2090				
Emerald,			645				
Fairfield Court,			220				
Forest,			1156				
Franklin,		1	960				
Fowler,			262				
Foster,			600				
Gates,			150				
Gilsum,			760				
Grant,		1	600				
Green,			450				
Greenlawn,			350				
Grove,		1	750				
Gurnsey,			362				
Harrison,	4						560
High,		3	1538				
Howard,		1	1003				
Kelleher,	3						1040
Lincoln,		2	1930				
Main,	5	5	5190	775	240	1022	
Marlboro',		1	1760				
Mechanic,	1	1	450	320			

MAINS AND LATERALS IN USE DEC. 1, 1897.—*Continued.*

STREET.	M H	Tank.	6 in.	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	15 in.
Middle,		1	325				
Myrtle,			400				
Mystic,			200				
Midway,			300				
Ninety-third,			170				
North,			445				
North Lincoln,		1	815				
Oak,		1	505				
Page,		1	620				
Pine,			440				
Pleasant,			480				
Probate,			726				
Prospect,		1	260				
Railroad,			1160				
Railroad Square,			320				
Ralston,			350			680	
Roxbury,	2	2	2340	800			
School,		1	1720				
South,			668				
Spring,		1	745				
Spruce,		1	355				
Summer,		1	690				
Taylor,		1	500				
Terrace,		1	520				
Towns,			190				
Union,		2	740				
Valley,		1	1050				
Vernon,		1	320		200		
Washington,		1	3180				
Water,		2	3408				
West,		1	2330				
Willow,		1	290				
Wilson,		1	724				
Winchester,			1520				200
Winchester Court,			550				
Wilber,			530				
Winter,		1	850				
Beaver main,	17						6180
Beaver mills,			315				
Totals,	51	55	73811	745	1380	3852	9065

Manholes, 51. Flush tanks, 55. Pipes, all sizes, 90,200 feet, = 17 miles + 440 feet.

The sewers are in excellent condition.

Respectively submitted,

PAUL F. BABBIDGE,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

I herewith submit the following report as superintendent of highways, in the city of Keene, for the year ending December 1, 1897.

LIST OF PROPERTY IN MY POSSESSION.

Nine horses, ten harnesses, four carts, one wagon, three sleds, sixteen blankets, thirteen snow plows, two snow rollers, two large and one small roller, one steam roller, three chains, four spread chains, eight halters, one snow scraper, two screens, eight whiffletrees, eight fly nets, two champion road scrapers, three plows, ten picks, eight bog hoes, one lawn mower, twenty shovels, two striking hammers, three face hammers, four bush hooks, four hoes, five stone pickers, four hooks, eight iron bars, three saws, four augers, one level, three bush scythes and snaths, one grindstone, three snow shovels, two axes, two rakes, three drills, two dump barrows, three tampers, one derrick, five sign posts, six pails, a small lot of tile pipe, bits and brace, two hundred pounds of spikes, two paving hammers, one ice scraper, two ladders, six baskets, one hay cutter, eight surcingles, four whips, four brushes, four curry combs, one oil can, twelve lanterns, four wrenches, two small hammers, eight drills, shims and wedges, one stone boat, 3000 feet of lumber, two pairs of shafts, one set of fall blocks, one vise, one tool box, four stone boat planks.

TOOLS AT THE CRUSHER.

Two carts and harnesses, seven iron bars, four picks, four dump barrows, three hooks, two bush hooks, four shovels, two forks, two bog hoes, five striking hammers, seven sledge hammers, eighteen small drills, forty large drills, one saw, two wrenches, one vise, stone boat, twenty cords pine blocks.

The streets, drains and bridges are in good repair considering the large amount of wet and rainy weather we have had the past season. We have done considerable work on the following streets: Lower Main street near trotting park; also from Winchester street to Dunbar street; North Lincoln, from Beaver to George street; also side walk on George street. West street has been graveled from bridge to Pearl street; also a part of Park avenue. The Surry road has been covered with gravel from Surry line to the Gillis road. There was quite a large amount of work done on Arch street, near the Wilson mill. There has been cobble stone roads built as follows: On Church street, from Wells street to Beaver Brook, 1,012 yards; Dunbar street, from Main to Crossfield street, 996 yards; Main street, near Baker street, 541 yards; Walpole road, 511 yards; about 308 yards on Chesterfield road, making 3,710 square yards, the last season. For expenses, see finance report.

Respectfully submitted,

L. K. STILES,
Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONER.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

The appropriation for the present year was two hundred dollars. This amount has been wholly expended, together with some balances of former appropriations. The extra expenditure was owing to the failure of water in Wheelock Park, and the building of a road through the Children's Wood parallel with the Reservoir pond.

During the year, the park system has been enlarged by the donation of eighty-three acres of woodland on Beech Hill. This tract encircles the north end of the reservoir and crosses the ridge to North Lincoln street. Standing on this crossing and looking down on the pond, one is surprised to learn that the city, on the west side of the pond, in some places does not own a foot of land beyond the water line,—no chance for a footpath, much less a road. When some trees were cut and the brush left on the ice, I could not remove it without trespass.

The recent addition to the parks need not necessarily increase the amount of appropriation. The numerous woodroads already completed are enough for the present. The pine trees are mostly twenty-five years old, and well trimmed and guarded from fire. A large area of brush land will need thinning.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. WHEELOCK,
Commissioner.

REPORT OF

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Councils:

I herewith present the following report of the fire department, for the year ending November 30, 1897.

During the year the department has been called out fourteen times. Five of these alarms were false, or were for chimneys burning out.

The losses paid by the insurance companies during the year, upon buildings and their contents has been $2,720. Making the total loss small in comparison with that of some other years.

The apparatus is now in good condition. New brakes have been added to the Hook and Ladder truck, and the Deluge Hose wagon, and three fire extinguishers and a pair of spring harnesses have been purchased.

The department consists of sixty-nine men. Four engineers, Steamer and Hose Co., twenty-five men, Washington Hook and Ladder Co., twenty men, and Deluge Hose Co., twenty men.

The uniforms of the men have been repaired, and the Hook and Ladder Co., furnished with new caps.

The fire alarm service is in good condition, owing to the excellent care taken of it by Superintendent Emmons. I would suggest that three new boxes be added during the coming year. One to be reserved to replace one that may at any time need repairs.

One thousand feet of hose has been purchased this last

year, and I recommend that one thousand more be added the coming year.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Steamer Button No. 2, Steamer Amoskeag No. 2, hand engine at hospital, hand engine at South Keene, Deluge hose carriage, two jumpers, three hook and ladder trucks, steamer hose carriage, 4,600 feet of cotton hose, nine fire extinguishers, six for the department and three at city hall; fire alarm, engineers' lanterns, six hydrant gates, one Y coupling, rubber coats, uniforms of Steamer Co., uniforms of Washington Hook and Ladder Co., uniforms of Deluge Hose Co., one Siamese.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Location of boxes and instructions to firemen and officers:

Box 6, Central telephone office.
Box 8, Main street, corner Railroad street.
Box 9, Central Square, on city hall.
Box 13, Beaver Mills office.
Box 14, Water street, corner Grove street.
Box 15, Water street, corner South Lincoln street.
Box 16, Main street, corner Marlboro' street.
Box 17, Main street, corner Baker street.
Box 23, Roxbury street, corner Beech street.
Box 24, Beaver street, corner Dover street.
Box 32, Elm street, corner High street.
Box 33, Washington street, corner Gilsum street.
Box 35, Court street, corner Prospect.
Box 37, Mechanic street, corner Pleasant street.
Box 42, West street, corner School street.
Box 43, West street, corner Ashuelot street.
Box 46, Court street, corner School street.

Box 52, Emerald street, corner Ralston street.
Box 53, Winchester street, corner Island street.
Box 72, West Keene.
12, Military call.

SIGNALS.

The following signals were adopted by the board of engineers, December 2, 1887, and are still in force.

1. The superintendent has the right to strike one blow upon the bells at any time, to test the circuit; also to ring in one round from any box, preceded by a single blow, exactly five minutes after the noon stroke, on Saturdays, for the purpose of testing the boxes.

2. The signal 22 repeated on the bells is to call the firemen to their houses for further orders.

3. Two blows struck upon the bells after a fire alarm is a signal to "limber up," and recalls all firemen and apparatus to the engine houses, unless specially detailed for duty.

4. In case of a serious fire the engineers may cause a second alarm to be sounded from the nearest box. A second alarm is given by striking ten blows, followed by the box number.

5. As box 9, which is located on city hall, is still likely to be used for a general alarm, and to be pulled for a fire which is not in or near the square, the engineers will ring in a second alarm of four full rounds from this box, if there is a fire of any magnitude near the square.

6. The old alarm on city hall will only be rung between 9 p. m., and 6 a. m., except in case of serious fire.

7. Arrangements have been made with the Beaver Mills Co., and alarms of fire will be given on their whistle same as by the bells.

GENERAL RULES.

Firemen as well as citizens should familiarize themselves with the following rules for giving alarms of fire.

1. Never pull a box for a fire seen at a distance.

2. Never pull a box while the alarm bells are ringing, nor until a box has completed its four rounds. Two boxes cannot operate together and neither will work if two are pulled at the same time. Never pull two alarms or two boxes for the same fire. The engineers will sound second alarms if necessary.

3. To ring in an alarm, break the glass in the key box and open the outside door with the key. Pull down the brass crank, seen inside, *till it stops*, then let go. Then let the box alone. The clock will be seen or heard to be running, and the alarm will follow in half a minute or so. Close the box and remove the key.

4. Remember that the firemen will come directly to the box which has been pulled, and be sure that someone stays at the box to direct them to the fire.

TELEPHONE ALARMS.

Box 6, which is located in the central telephone office, is the box which will be pulled to sound all alarms of fire sent in by telephone. When this box is pulled, firemen and all others can ascertain the location of the fire from the telephone office.

Do not send a telephone alarm if there is an alarm box within reasonable distance. Box alarms are always the surest and best. Telephones can seldom be used during thunder showers; the boxes can always be used.

To send in a telephone alarm, call the central office. Tell the operator slowly, first, the ward, then the street and house where the fire is situated. The operator will repeat, "Fire, ward so and so, such street or house." Answer, "All right," if you are correctly understood. If the fire is in South Keene or West Keene, give the fact instead of the ward number. The operator will then leave the telephone and sound the alarm.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity in behalf of the board of engineers, to extend our thanks to all members

of the city government who have in any way rendered assistance to the department the past year.

I wish to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to my assistant engineers, to all officers and members of the fire department, for their efficient work, excellent deportment, unselfish support and devotion to duty as manifested on all occasions.

I also desire to thank all citizens who have aided the department in any way whatever, and for all words of encouragement and praise bestowed on the men, never forgotten and always appreciated by them.

Very respectfully,

JOHN Q. JONES,
Chief Engineer.

Keene, Dec. 1, 1897.

REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM.

To his Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Councils:

I herewith present this report as superintendent of the fire alarm telegraph, for the year ending December 1, 1897.

The system is in good condition. The boxes are nearly all reliable. I recommend an overhauling of the older ones and the later improvements added. The wires throughout the city are in better condition than ever before since I cared for it; but there are some sections of wire that should be replaced with new and larger guage. I recommend one new spare box. Box 8, corner of Main and Railroad streets, has been put in the circuit during the year.

Respectfully,

J. F. EMMONS,
Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph.

REPORT OF

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The trustees of Keene public library, herewith submit their annual report for the year, ending Dec. 1, 1897.

Dr.

To balance from unexpended appropriation,	$176 38	
Appropriation,	500 00	
Sale of catalogues, supplements and fines,	100 00	
Total,		$776 38

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By amount paid for books, magazines, binding, printing and work, extra, for librarian on cataloguing for supplement,	$626 24
Balance to new account,	$150 34

Number of books added to the library from Dec. 1, 1896, to Dec. 1, 1897,	364
Number of books added to the library by purchase,	349
Number of books added to the library by gifts,	15
Number of books discarded,	81
Number of books unaccounted for,	4

Number of books now in the library,	9,972
Number of cards issued to new readers,	274
Largest number of books delivered in one month, (March),	3,126
Largest number of books delivered in one day, (March 6),	283
Whole number issued during the year,	29,547

The unavoidable delay in the settling of sundry bills, leaves a larger balance than what would otherwise appear in our report. The remainder of the balance, it has been thought best by the book committee, to reserve for the purchase of a much needed new Encyclopædia at the beginning of the year 1898.

The increased use of reference books by the various clubs in our city, calls for all that our appropriation will furnish, and these new facilities for research are taken advantage of by the more advanced students in our schools. It is a delightful picture that meets the gaze of the frequenters of our pleasant, quiet, well lighted reading room, when the tables are surrounded by the young seekers after the knowledge so necessary in this age of progress to enable them to keep up to date.

It is earnestly desired by the trustees that the advantages provided by our library, might be enjoyed by a much larger number in our community. A quiet hour is assured to every one wishing to read the papers and best magazines of the day, while the librarians are ready to render every assistance to those seeking for facts on subjects treated in any book of reference.

M. R. OSBORNE,
MARY B. DINSMOOR,
KATE L. TILDEN,
WM. P. CHAMBERLAIN,
CHARLES H. HERSEY,
FRANK G. DORT,
Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Councils:

I herewith submit the following report of my receipts for the year ending November 30, 1897.

Rents of stores, Perry place and land,	$1,196 90
Foster cemetery fund,	100 00
Licenses—billiard, circus, street, etc.,	240 77
Dog licenses,	670 25
Public library, fines, etc.,	100 00
Replacing bridge,	115 25
Rent of reservoir,	175 00
Sale of sand,	115 00
Bicycle path subscription,	275 00
Aid, William Sweeney,	4 00
Numbers sold, police duty, etc.,	11 40
Error on voucher,	2 00
Rebate on freight,	47 19
Use of derrick,	10 00
	$3,062 76

All of which I have deposited with the city treasurer and hold his receipts therefor.

Very respectfully,

J. P. WELLMAN,
City Clerk.

Keene, December 14, 1897.

REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Councils:

I herewith present this report as city messenger from December 1, 1896, to December 1, 1897.

Received for rent of city hall:

December, 1897,	$60 00	
January, 1897,	115 00	
February,	40 00	
March,	190 00	
April,	110 00	
May,	25 00	
June,	30 00	
July,	55 00	
September,	111 00	
October,	20 00	
November,	90 00	
		$846 00
Deposited with city treasurer,		$846 00

Respectfully,

J. F. EMMONS,
City Messenger.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Councils:

I herewith submit the following report as overseer of the poor for the year ending December 1, 1897. During the past year I have furnished aid to the county poor as follows:

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Edward Ballou,	$104 30
Mrs. Arbella Robinson,	78 00
Mrs. Mary Southwell,	60 00
Mrs. Esther Whitcomb,	78 20
Mrs. Daniel Coffee,	82 45
W. W. Pratt,	19 71
Larkin child,	15 75
Mrs. George Bennett,	35 80
William Laport,	48 00
John Lahiff,	35 50
Isaac Champaigne,	132 95
George Champaigne,	98 96
Mrs. Emily Champany,	40 05
Mrs. Octavia Boyea,	72 80
O. L. Crown,	25 53
Mrs. George Willard,	72 00
Jonas Wight,	94 38
Montplaisir children,	104 30
Tillis Merchant,	11 00

Colman child,	$10 00
Lizzie Pierce,	63 59
John Shackett,	5 33
Page child,	69 72
Mrs. Henrietta Devalaire,	65 22
Mrs. George Clasby,	87 30
Mrs. Louise Monty,	129 95
Miss Ellen Mahar,	83 50
Miss C. B. Hastings,	96 00
Mrs. Annie Erickson,	90 59
Soule children,	130 33
Mrs. Etta Baylis,	8 40
O. J. Bordwin,	13 50
Mrs. Martha Griffith,	58 80
Mrs. J. O. Amidon,	48 00
Mrs. Mary J. Spofford,	39 21
Mrs. M. C. Lonigan,	46 56
Mrs. F. A. Poole,	89 40
Mrs. Elizabeth Keeps,	58 50
Mrs. Dillon Jacobs,	103 17
Peter Liscord,	7 50
Mrs. Ellen Doody,	3 50
Mrs. Kate Donovan,	60 00
Mrs. Isabel Carney,	207 80
Charles Burns,	50 12
Edwin Keats,	226 85
Fisher boy,	58 03
Ida Pierce,	26 15
Rudolphus Clement,	74 00
Lewis Castor,	2 00
Mrs. V. Perry,	13 75
Mrs. Delia Smith,	50 25
Mrs. Nellie E. Kimball,	22 28
Joseph H. Jolly,	16 46
Mrs. Mary Marcott,	7 13
Henry Parkhurst,	4 95
A. Wisard,	29 35

Edward Waters,	$3 25	
Frank Sharkey,	23 28	
Mrs. Amos Foster,	5 35	
Mrs. James Murray,	7 50	
Peter Sharkey,	9 00	
George B. Perry,	69 02	
Charles Putnam,	2 65	
George Baker,	17 38	
John Denno,	18 80	
J. P. Smith,	34 60	
Arthur Woods,	35 43	
Henry Sullivan,	7 15	
James Corey,	14 00	
Mrs. Margaret Monahan,	20 00	
Edith Nims,	17 64	
Judy Cox,	25 52	
Sarah Pike,	12 57	
Lillian Gero,	30 85	
Mrs. Carpenter,	3 26	
Henry Duncan,	9 06	
Edna Davis,	6 90	
Joseph Webb,	16 46	
Andrew Nash,	42 28	
Newell Pair,	4 00	
H. J. Johnson,	1 71	
A. Fish,	7 99	
Mrs. Jerry Donovan,	38 00	
		$3,851 52

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Mrs. N. A. Barlow,	$60 00
Nathan Gould,	56 00
John Jolly,	12 15
Edward Baker,	181 75

Patrick Burns,	$5 50	
Samuel C. Richardson,	36 00	
		$351 40

CITY PAUPERS.

Lizzie Pierce,	$107 82
Mrs. Mary Doyle,	81 10
James Esty,	73 00
Mrs. Jerry Donovan,	24 15
Willard Graves,	6 00
Mrs. James O. Amidon,	92 00
Mrs. Catherine Reardon,	23 50
Mrs. Bridget Kennedy,	107 39
Ida Pierce,	51 87
Catherine Aiken,	148 73
Miss Knight,	165 17
Mrs. Abner Sprague,	180 00
Stephen Mackey,	78 00
Harry H. Johnson,	14 79
Mrs. George Carroll,	32 50
Mrs. E. W. Hadley,	114 64
George Cowdery,	27 22
L. E. Banyea,	62 98
Charles Britton,	66 00
Fisher boy,	31 61
Eugene Hemphill,	90 39
John Lahiff,	30 80
Hollis Taft,	104 75
Mrs. Charles Lovejoy,	44 05
Page child,	34 58
William Wood,	52 30
Horace Houghton,	96 47
Henry Harrington,	8 18
David Merrifield,	24 00

Ella King,	$45 21	
George Priest,	17 00	
David Shea,	3 75	
Nellie Lee,	2 75	
Irving Hopkins, paid by town of Westmoreland,	29 00	
William Cook,	3 00	
Transient,	4 20	
		$2,078 90
G. C. Hill, affidavits,	$2 00	
J. P. Wellman, affidavits,	17 50	
		$19 50
		$2,098 40

In the amount expended for city paupers, $801.81 is for paupers supported outside of the city.

E. H. FLETCHER,
Overseer of Poor.

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils:

During the past year I have treated the following cases, viz: One of bronchitis, one of a burn, one of eczema, one of fistula, one of tertiary syphilis, one of influenza, one of pneumonia, three of neurasthenia, two of acute articular rheumatism, two of alcoholism and three of gastro-enteritis.

Three cases were sent to the insane asylum at Concord, and one patient died during the year. Although the number of cases treated during the year is less than for the preceeding one, the number of visits and actual work done has been more than it was last year.

I believe that the city paupers receive all due consideration and respect.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. DINSMOOR, M. D.,
City Physician.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils:

There have been forty-eight matters of complaint examined by the board of health during the past year, as against forty-seven like cases examined and cared for in 1896. There are some dwellings on Butler Court, and also some near Spruce street, where the sewer has been recently extended that should require further attention in early spring. All other cases have been disposed of to the satisfaction of the board.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There have been three cases of diphtheria and one of scarlet fever during the year. Last year there was no case of diphtheria and sixteen of scarlet fever. Of these two diseases in the aggregate for each year, there has been only one-fourth the number of cases the present year that there were in the city in 1896. When compared with other cities in the state, this becomes a remarkable showing for the sanitary condition of the city.

TYPHOID FEVER.

Although typhoid fever is classed with contagious diseases, yet it is communicated ordinarily from impure drinking water. There cannot be too much care exercised in the use of water as it is often found upon our hill sides and in stagnant streams. Old wells, particularly, upon streets which have become populated, or when located

near a privy or sink drain or a ditch where water often stands and becomes stagnant, are dangerous to health and productive of typhoid. The statistics of this city show that typhoid occurs more frequently in August and September than any other months of the year, and because in those months water is usually low and wells are supplied with water from a larger surrounding surface, and water in streams more frequently becomes stagnant or impure. These suggestions cannot be too deeply impressed upon our people.

There have been ten cases of typhoid in the year, one in January, one in October, and eight cases between August 18 and September 25. Quite a number of these cases of contagious diseases were contracted and brought here from places outside of Keene. There have been two deaths from typhoid, one from diphtheria and none from scarlet fever.

DON H. WOODWARD,
H. K. FAULKNER,
GEORGE W. FLAGG,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils:

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

WOODLAND CEMETERY.

Dec. 1, 1896, to balance by cash on hand,	$60 90	
Rec'd for sale of lots,	45 00	
Hibbard legacy,	17 20	
C. S. Faulkner legacy,	130 00	
For hay and grass,	24 00	
For wood,	2 00	
H. K. Knight for posts,	1 80	
		$280 90

GREENLAWN CEMETERY.

Rec'd for sale of lots,	$685 00	
On bank book,	685 82	
For hay and grass,	18 00	
For wood,	6 00	
		$1,394 82

WEST CEMETERY, NEAR SAWYER'S.

Rec'd for sale of lots,	$15 00

OLD CEMETERY ON WASHINGTON STREET.

Rec'd for hay,	$8 00	
For wood,	6 00	
		$14 00
		$1,704 72

EXPENDITURES.

WOODLAND CEMETERY.

Paid C. A. Mason, for labor and team work,	$167 25
J. Donahue, for labor,	149 45
G. E. Mason, for labor,	120 40
A. J. Shackley, for labor,	67 00
A. Richardson, for labor,	7 25
R. Freeman, for labor,	11 25
J. Dow, for labor,	24 75
D. Cheney, for labor,	76 75
O. H. White, for labor,	12 38
F. J. Butterfield, for labor,	5 25
J. Jolly, for labor,	4 00
W. Cheever, for labor,	3 00
E. R. Seaver, for labor,	3 00
A. H. Rice, bill,	10 75
S. D. Bill, bill,	41 10
A. J. Shackley, bill,	11 25
G. O. Wardwell, bill,	62 84
A. J. Williams, bill,	30 00
F. W. Nims, bill,	13 00
W. H. Ellis, bill,	2 50
J. Desmond, bill,	1 40
Webb Granite Co., bill,	35 00
E. F. Lane, bill,	14 40
Knowlton & Stone, bill,	43 16
B. F. Sawyer, bill,	78 79

Paid H. W. Hubbard, bill,	$7 85	
S. Wadsworth, bill,	40 80	
F. Sharkey, bill,	75	
J. M. Grout, bill,	2 00	
J. Flynn, bill,	10 38	
Beaver Mills Co., bill,	31 48	
T. Russell, bill,	7 00	
D. W. Meurs, bill,	4 50	
Kirk & Sewall, bill,	10 98	
N. G. Gurnsey, bill,	30 40	
Ellis Bros., bill, Salma Hale lot,	9 20	
Labor on Salma Hale lot,	8 00	
Ellis Bros., bill, Russell lot,	8 00	
Labor on Russell lot,	4 00	
Labor on Rufus Gates lot,	2 00	
Labor on Whitney lot,	3 00	
Labor on D. W. Nims lot,	3 00	
Labor on L. J. Colony lot,	4 00	
Labor on J. D. Colony lot,	5 00	
C. Gonyou, bill, J. D. Colony, lot,	13 00	
Labor on Ball and Grimes lot,	6 00	
Labor on Jones lot,	3 00	
Labor on Towns lot,	3 00	
Labor on Keyes and Bill lot,	3 00	
Labor on Ingersoll lots,	6 00	
Labor on Fletcher lot,	4 00	
Labor on Bowker lot,	4 00	
Labor and loam on Vose and Packard lots,	9 00	
Ellis Bros., bill, Packard lot,	2 00	
		$1,241 26

GREENLAWN CEMETERY.

Paid C. A. Mason, for labor and team work,	$46 25	
J. Donahue, for labor,	35 75	

Paid A. G. Shackley, for labor,	$12 00	
G. E. Mason, for labor,	35 00	
O. H. White, for labor,	2 50	
A. Richardson, for labor,	2 25	
H. W. Parkhurst, for labor,	1 00	
R. Freeman, for labor,	3 00	
D. Cheney, for labor,	24 00	
J. Dow, for labor,	18 00	
F. Butterfield, for labor,	1 50	
H. Ellis, bill,	5 00	
W. Connor, bill,	4 50	
G. F. Pitcher, bill,	10 00	
C. Mason, bill,	2 50	
C. L. Smith, bill,	1 50	
Knowlton & Stone, bill,	16 28	
D. W. Meurs, bill,	3 30	
Kirk & Sewall, bill,	19 19	
F. W. Smith, bill,	2 00	
A. W. Green, bill,	3 00	
R. Ray, bill,	1 30	
J. P. Wellman, for making deeds,	4 50	
		$254 32

OLD CEMETERY, WASHINGTON STREET.

Paid C. A. Mason, for labor and team work,	$15 00	
John Dow, for labor,	7 13	
D. Cheney, for labor,	14 62	
J. Donahue, for labor,	10 50	
G. E. Mason, for labor,	8 40	
A. Shackley, for labor,	75	
		$56 40

WEST CEMETERY, NEAR SAWYER'S.

Paid C. A. Mason, for labor and team work,	$7 00	

Paid D. Cheney, for labor,	$1 00	
G. E. Mason, for labor,	2 25	
S. E. Wyman, for labor,	6 00	
		$16 25

CHASE CEMETERY.

Paid C. A. Mason, for labor and team work,	$6 50	
J. Dow, for labor,	1 50	
D. Cheney, for labor,	1 50	
J. Donahue, for labor,	1 50	
G. E. Mason, for labor,	1 50	
		$12 50

OLD YARD, NO. 8, WEST PART.

Paid C. A. Mason, for labor and team work,	$2 00	
S. E. Wyman, for labor,	3 00	
F. M. Russell, for labor,	2 50	
		$7 50

Expenditures,	$1,588 23
Dec. 1, 1897, to balance by cash on hand,	116 49
	$1,704 72

Respectfully,

C. A. MASON,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Councils:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending November 30, 1897.

Norris G. Gurnsey et al. vs. Keene. Appeal from the award of damages in widening Main street. A verdict has been rendered for the city, a motion filed for a new hearing, and the case continued to the next April term of court.

Ansil A. Morse vs. Keene. Appeal from the layout of a highway and from the award of damages. A trial was had last year which resulted in favor of the city. Plaintiff then elected a trial by jury, but before trial the case was settled at the October term of court by the payment of a small additional sum as damages.

Jarib S. Herrick vs. Keene. Appeal from the layout of a highway and from the award of damages. A trial was had last year which resulted in favor of the city. The case was recommitted on questions of costs and finally disposed of at the last April term of court.

Jennie E. Fisher vs. Keene. Appeal from the award of damages in laying out a highway. Petition was filed in court December 4, 1896, and the case was settled without trial by the payment of $150 and costs, amounting in all to $162.32.

The above suit of Norris G. Gurnsey et al. is the only one now pending against the city.

The Cheshire Tanning Company was incorporated March 23, 1885, with a capital stock of $100,000.

Shortly afterwards, the late John Symonds, a shareholder in said corporation, died, and by his will bequeathed his stock in the corporation to the city of Keene for public purposes, by him specified. January 28, 1886, the capital stock of the corporation was increased to $150,000, no part of which was taken by the city. The business of the corporation was fairly prosperous for about three years after Mr. Symond's death, after which time it did business at a loss, and finally ceased operations altogether.

It has been deemed desirable to ascertain, as near as may be, the financial standing of the company, as the city owns 168 of the 1,500 shares of the stock. Accordingly, by direction of His Honor, the Mayor, I employed Mr. George May of Newton, Mass., an expert book-keeper of the highest rank in his profession, to make such examination of the company's books as would enable him to inform us what property the corporation now has. Mr. A. M. Bigelow of Boston, who, with his family, is the owner of the majority of the stock, and has been the responsible manager of the corporation, placed the books, vouchers and papers at the disposal of Mr. May, and rendered every assistance in his power to facilitate the examination.

The report of Mr. May, which is herewith submitted as a part of my report, is substantially this, that the only available asset of the corporation is the tannery plant at West Keene, about one-ninth of which belongs to the city. There has been some difference of opinion between Mr. Bigelow and myself as to the salary charges made in 1889, 1890 and 1891, and I think the way is still open for further discussion. But whatever may be the result of future negotiations, the fact remains that the legacy of Mr. Symonds will not yield any considerable sum to the city. It is a pleasure to know that our loss has not been caused by unfairness or dishonesty on the part of the majority stockholders, but is the legitimate result of the depression which has existed in the tanning business for the last few years. The corporation has voted to sell the

tanning plant whenever a suitable price can be obtained, and when this is done a final settlement of all our interest in the corporation ought to be made.

JOHN T. ABBOTT,
Solicitor.

BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 29, 1897.

JOHN T. ABBOTT, Esq.,
Keene, N. H.

Dear Sir:—On Monday, the 13th inst., I went to the office of Messrs. Henry M. and Walter I. Bigelow, 7 Exchange Place, Boston, and was at once put in possession of the books and papers used by the firm A. M. Bigelow & Co. in conducting the business of, and as purchasing and selling agents for, the "Cheshire Tanning Co."

These I have carefully examined, and have to report as follows:

The business of the Cheshire Tanning Company appears to have been a partnership prior to April 1, 1885, and to have been carried on the books of A. M. Bigelow & Co. in that name until November 1, 1886, when the corporation books were opened by the firm and the merchandise account therein received the record of receipts and expenditures; being practically the "profit and loss" account.

The corporation was organized March 23, 1885, under the partnership name, as appears by the stock certificate book, and certificates of capital stock amounting to $100,000 were issued the day following, of which John Symonds appears as the owner of $33,300.

The capital was increased $50,000, February 17, 1886, and certificates issued therefor. On April 1, 1885, a bill of sale was executed by "The Cheshire Tanning Co." partnership (A. M. Bigelow & Co. and the late John Symonds) to "The Cheshire Tanning Co." corporation, covering all its personal property, amounting to $115,608.31, and this paper is on file.

Inventories of the property of the corporation are on file of dates November 1, 1886; October 31, 1887; November 1, 1888; October 31, 1889; October 31, 1890 and October 31, 1891.

Monthly trial balances have been taken from the ledger

accounts and are on file, beginning with December 1, 1886, and until February 1, 1893, (with the exception of August 1, 1888); also on May 1, 1893, January 1 and November 1, 1894, and March 13, 1897. Many of these I checked up with the ledger, and found them to agree. The following are taken from the number:

Dr.

	Dec. 1, 1886.	Apr. 1, 1887.	Apr. 1, 1888.	Apr. 1, 1889.
Merchandise,	$138,766.11	$149,707.28	$121,491.90	$120,768.39
A. M. Bigelow & Co.,	79,403.51	92,211.78	109,151.06	87,067.32
H. M. Bigelow,	4,613.82	4,613.82	4,613.82	4,613.82
W. I. Bigelow,	1,512.98	1,512.98	1,512.98	1,512.98
Plant,	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
H. M. Bigelow, Tr.,		620.74	620.74	620.74
	$244,296.42	$268,666.60	$257,390.50	$234,583.25

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Bills payable,	88,758.92	113,376.10	102,700.00	79,900.00
Capital stock,	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
E. J. Bigelow, Tr.,	5,168.50	5,168.50	4,568.50	4,561.25
Cash,	122.00	122.00	122.00	122.00
H. M. Bigelow, Tr.,	247.00			
	$244,296.42	$268,666.60	$257,390.50	$234,583.25

Dr.

	Apr. 1, 1890.	Apr. 1, 1891.	Apr. 1, 1892.	May 1, 1893.
Merchandise,	128,041.18	136,323.40	107,561.84	97,272.44
A. M. B. & Co.,	68,651.53	65,333.05	67,294.61	46,284.01
H. M. B.,	4,613.82	4,613.82	4,613.82	4,613.82
W. I. B.,	1,512.98	1,512.98	1,512.98	1,512.98
Plant,	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000,00	20,000.00
H. M. B., Tr.				
	$222,819.51	$227,783.25	$200,983.25	$169,683.25

Cr.

Bills payable,	$68,136.26	$73,100.00	$46,300.00	$15,000.00
Capital stock,	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
E. J. B., Tr.,	4,561.25	4,561.25	4,561.25	4,561.25
Cash,	122.00	122.00	122.00	122.00
	$222,819.51	$227,783.25	$200,983.25	$169,683.25

DR.

	March 13, 1897.		Sept. 13, 1897.
Merchandise,	$117,101.13	Merchandise,	$114,601.13
Salary acct.	18,000.00	Salary acct.,	18,000.00
Plant,	20,000.00	Plant,	20,000.00
	$155,101.13		$152,601.13

CR.

Cap. stock,	$150,000.00	Cap. stock,	$150,000.00
Cash,	122.00	Cash,	122.00
A. M. B. & Co.,	4,979.13	A. M. B. & Co.,	2,479.13
	$155,101.13		$152,601.13

It appears that the outlay of expense connected with the tanning, i. e. labor, purchases of bark and local supplies, was cared for at Keene by the manager, to whom funds were furnished by the selling agents as needed, and that monthly statements were rendered to them covering the same.

The business seems to have been practically closed down in 1888–'89, was revived later on, and ceased entirely in July, 1892, having proved unsatisfactory, owing to the low prices obtained in marketing the product.

The bill of sale of April, 1885, to the corporation conveys:

Hides on hand and in process, valued at,	$89,945.18	
Leather of all kinds,	13,523.13	
Bark,	8,000.00	
Horses, hair, accounts receivable and cash,	4,140.00	
		$115,608.31
Aggregate purchases of hides between Oct. 1, 1885, and July, 1892,		$597,640.46
Charges for currying (same period),		274,561.16
Funds sent to Keene for labor, bark, etc.,		293,175.00
Supplies sent to Keene, Gambier, etc.,		20,200.00
Discounts, commissions, interest and expense, salaries, dividends, etc.,		169,238.35
Salaries for 1889, 1890, 1891,		18,000.00
		$1,488,423.28

The books also show the sales of leather, "sides," amounting to,	$1,298,293.20	
Sales of calf skins, splits, glue stock, etc.,	66,960.64	
		$1,365,253.84
Which indicates a shrinkage of		$123,169.44

The inventory taken October 31, 1891, shows as follows:

Plant,	$20,000.00	Bills and accts. payable,	$61,383.25
Hides,	54,106.00	Accounts payable, Keene,	333.39
Leather and splits,	10,661.60		
Bills receivable and cash,	58,379.72		
Sup. and insurance,	4,500.00		
Bark,	13,000.00		
	$160,647.32		$61,716.64

Considering this in connection with the trial balance of March 13, 1897, and the process of liquidation which Messrs. Bigelow tell me was then going on, it appears that about 13,000 hides were tanned after April, 1892, which exhausted the bark on hand November 1, 1891, except that which was sold to Messrs. A. J. Foster & Co. of Milford, N. H., in May, 1893—closed out for $2,500. The horses, wagons, etc., were sold and the proceeds applied in paying local bills. The supplies at Grafton and Keene went into the tanning of the hides, and the accounts receivable and cash went to extinguish the bills payable.

As to the trial balance taken by me from the ledger accounts on September 13, 1897, Messrs. Bigelow inform me that there is no merchandise belonging to the corporation, so that the plant, entered at $20,000, constitutes the only tangible asset; against which appears the capital stock of $150,000 and an account payable to Messrs. A. M. Bigelow & Co. of $2,479.13. This shows a loss of $132,479.13.

Messrs. Bigelow also inform me that since the works at Keene were closed down, the grass on the place was sold —the first year for $100, since then at $75 per annum; that Mr. Pitcher, the lessee, has expended about $100 for repairs on the buildings, and now owes some $275 on account. One building, they state, may be possibly rented, but that whatever income accrues from the property will

be accounted for in the final settlement of the affairs of the corporation.

While the sifting of the accounts of the selling agents and of the corporation—entering into the manufacture and disposal of the product—shows a shrinkage in the business differing from that evidenced in the trial balance of September 13, 1397, the fact seems clear that there has been a heavy loss.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MAY,
Public Auditor.

NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MASS., Sept. 29, 1897.

MR. JOHN T. ABBOTT,
Keene, N. H.

Dear Sir:—The enclosed report on the Cheshire Tanning Company matter has been unavoidably delayed a few days, but may reach you, I trust, in season for your needs. Probably a closer scrutiny of all the entries made during the period covered by the business might disclose that which would account for the apparent difference in result as obtained by the two methods of investigation adopted, but my conclusion was that by either line of reasoning the fact was made evident that a heavy loss had been sustained.

The changes made in 1886 in handling the accounts, as explained to you in our conversation, were somewhat confusing, but I failed to discover any discrepancy that would materially change the result as found. Messrs. Bigelow expressed a willingness to send for the book-keeper who did the work, and who, with their aid, might explain why the accounts were not ruled off and balanced when the changes were made, but I doubt if any change would be effected in the result, as the indication was that the "finishing up" had been simply put off until it was more convenient.

The report being from necessity somewhat lengthy, it occurred to me it would better serve your purpose if in typewritten form.

Trusting the work may receive your approval, also my bill covering the same, also enclosed, I remain,

Very truly yours,
GEORGE MAY,
Auditor.

NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MASS., Oct. 1, 1897.

MR. JOHN T. ABBOTT,
Keene, N. H.

Dear Sir.—I intended to put in my report the result obtained from the "Hidebook" which shows, that including those covered by the bill of sale, the number of hides shipped to Keene amounted to 262,164; number of "sides" of leather sold, 520,720=260,360; showing a difference of 1,804; which Messrs. Bigelow tell me would be fairly represented by damaged hides sold for glue stock and remnants.

Truly yours,
GEORGE MAY,
Public Auditor.

REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Alderman:

I respectfully submit the following report of the police department for the year ending December 1, 1897.

There has been 181 persons arrested for offenses as follows:

Drunkenness,	128
Drunk and disorderly,	4
Larceny,	4
Safe keeping for out-of-town officers,	4
Runaway boys,	2
Assault,	12
Disturbing religious meeting,	1
Obtaining goods under false pretence,	1
Breaking glass,	1
Arrested for out-of-town officers,	4
Hotel beat,	1
Safe keeping,	1
Deserter from regular army,	1
Breaking and entering,	1
Insane,	1
Common drunkard,	2
Derailing railroad train,	1
Non-appearance at state camp,	2
Indecent exposure,	3
Highway robbery,	2
Fast riding, bicycle,	2
Malicious mischief,	2

Number of persons given lodgings,	350
Teams taken care of,	10
Bicycles left out after hours,	63
Lights left burning by mistake,	59
Windows left open,	62
Number of lights reported out of order,	44
Runaway teams stopped by officers,	9
Persons ordered to leave the city,	4
Fires put out by officers without alarm,	2
Places having no lights at night, reported,	26
Defects in highway reported,	8
Fire alarms pulled in at night by officers,	1
Places reported to chief of fire department,	2
Doors found unfastened,	193
Nuisances reported and removed,	9
Lost children returned to parents,	3
Water breaks reported to superintendent in night,	3
Persons ordered to remove snow from sidewalk,	15
Dead body of man found by officers and properly cared for,	1
Value of goods left out,	$198 15
Value of stolen property secured,	190 15

Respectfully,

GEORGE COLE, City Marshal.
(Elected April 19, 1897.)

REPORT OF JUSTICE OF POLICE COURT.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The justice of the police court submits the following report for the year ending December 1, 1897.

Number of civil cases entered, 38; number of complaints entered, 443, for the following offences, to wit:

Absence without reasonable excuse from encampment N. H. N. G.,	2
Aggravated assault,	1
Assaults,	15
Being drunk,	133
Being common drunkard,	1
Being father of bastard,	1
Being fugitive from justice,	1
Being stubborn child,	3
Breaking and entering,	9
Brawl and tumult,	2
Concealing death of bastard,	1
Cruelty to animals,	3
Defrauding inn-keeper,	1
Fast riding on bicycle,	2
Indecent exposure,	3
Keeping disorderly house,	1
Larceny,	5
Malicious mischief,	2
Obstructing officer,	1
Placing obstruction on railroad,	1
Rape,	1

Receiving stolen goods,	1
Riding bicycle on sidewalk,	1
Robbery,	3
Violating liquor law,	249

These complaints were disposed of as follows:

Persons sentenced to house of correction,	20
Not prosecuted to judgment,	132
Tried and acquitted,	15
Held to answer to supreme court,	110
Discharged on payment of costs,	14
Who appealed to supreme court,	4
Who paid fines,	142
Committed for non-payment of fines,	51
Sent to Industrial School,	2
Discharged on account of defective complaint and warrant,	1
Discharged on account of insanity,	1
Cases in which sentence was suspended,	3
Amount of fines paid to justice,	$2,594 00
Of fines deposited by justice,	2,594 00
Of fines paid to special justice,	6 00
Of fines deposited by special justice,	6 00

L. W. HOLMES,
Justice.

Keene, December 1, 1897.

REPORT OF CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The agent for the sale of liquors, submits the following report for the year ending December 1, 1897.

Reported in hands of agent, Dec. 1, 1896, subject to leakage and evaporation:

39⅜ gallons alcohol.
2¾ " Holland gin.
1 " Bourbon whiskey.
4⅜ " Medford rum.
2 " cherry rum.
5 " brandy.
4⅜ " cider brandy.
2¼ " sherry wine.
3 " port wine.
11-12 dozen G. O. Taylor whiskey.
1½ dozen porter quarts.
6 bottles brandy.*
2 bottles brandy.***
¼ dozen lager.
1 lager case.
9 demijohns.
1 keg.
1 barrel.

Value, $231.47.

Ordered of George W. Weeks, state agent:

December 14, 1896.
10 gallons old bourbon whiskey.
December 15.
1 dozen red seal bourbon.
April 20, 1897.
2 dozen G. O. Blake whiskey.
May 4.
45.90 gallons alcohol.
July 26.
4⅞ gallons Holland gin.
2 cases lager beer.
November 3.
10 gallons old bourbon whiskey.
1 dozen G. O. Blake whiskey.
4¾ gallons Medford rum.
2 dozen porter.

Sales during the year as follows:

65¾	gallons	alcohol.
11¾	"	bourbon whiskey.
3¼	"	Holland gin.
2⅛	"	brandy.
1	"	cider brandy.
4⅜	"	Medford rum.
5-16	"	cherry rum.
⅞	"	sherry wine.
1⅞	"	port wine.
11.12	dozen	G. O. Taylor whiskey.
1	"	red seal whiskey.
1¼	"	G. O. Blake whiskey.
1½	"	porter, quarts.
1 1-6	"	lager.

Amount,	$413 14	
1 barrel,	1 25	
3 kegs,	3 00	
		$417 39

EXPENSES.

Freight on liquors,	$2 19	
Express on kegs,	60	
Sundries,	24	
		$3 03
		$414 36

January 14, 1897.		
Paid bill of liquors,	$33 00	
January 14, 1897.		
Paid bill of liquors,	9 25	
May 19, 1897.		
Paid bill of liquors,	19 20	
June 2, 1897.		
Paid bill of liquors,	121 64	
August 26, 1897.		
Paid bill of liquors,	23 56	
November 30, 1897.		
Paid bill of liquors,	64 30	
November 30, 1897.		
Deposited with city treasurer,	143 41	
		$414 36

Liquors in hands of agent, December 1, 1897:

19½ gallons alcohol,	$51 68
9¼ " bourbon whiskey,	29 60
4⅜ " Holland gin,	15 31
2⅞ " brandy,	10 06
3⅜ " cider brandy,	11 81
4¾ " Medford rum,	15 20
1 11-16 " cherry rum,	3 80
1⅜ " sherry wine,	3 44
1⅛ " port wine,	2 82
6 bottles brandy,*	8 50

2 bottles brandy,***	$3 25	
1¾ dozen G. O. Blake whiskey,	16 80	
2 dozen porter, quarts,	5 75	
3 1-12 dozen lager,	3 85	
3 lager cases,	4 50	
9 demijohns,	15 15	
3 kegs,	2 75	
1 barrel,	1 25	
		$205 52

A. H. GRIMES,
Agent.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CHESHIRE, SS.

Keene, N. H., December 8, 1897.

Personally appeared A. H. Grimes and made oath that the above report subscribed by him is true.

Before me,

J. P. WELLMAN,
Justice of the Peace.

REPORT OF

TRUSTEES OF SYMONDS FUND.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Councils:

The undersigned, agents for the city of Keene, beg to submit a statement of the Symonds fund, showing its condition on the 17th day of December, 1897, as follows:

Real estate,	$1,000 00	
Notes secured by mortgage,	1,458 35	
Savings bank deposit and cash,	16,149 07	
Cheshire Tanning Co., stock (168 shares, par value $16,800), less dividend 10 per cent., $1,680,	15,120 00	
Total,		$33,727 42

C. T. BUFFUM.
G. A. LITCHFIELD.

REPORT OF CITY COLLECTOR.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

I herewith submit the following report:

WATER COLLECTIONS.

Amount collected on 55th assessment,	$7,009 80	
Amount collected on 56th assessment,	7,459 35	
Amount collected on arrears,	733 82	
Amount collected on meters,	4,433 07	
		$19,636 04

Deposited with A. L. Wright, treasurer,	$6,100 00	
Deposited with R. H. Porter, treasurer,	15,526 04	
Over deposit, last report,	10 00	
		$19,636 04

TAXES, 1897.

Amount called for in warrant,		$96,434 73
Collected and deposited with R. H. Porter, treasurer,	$71,600 00	
Amount of discount allowed,	993 30	
Uncollected,	23,841 43	
		$96,434 73

TAXES, 1896.

Balance from last report,	$22,945 64	
Interest collected,	251 32	
		$23,196 96

Collected and deposited with A. L. Wright, treasurer,	$12,000 00	
Collected and deposited with R. H. Porter,	8,700 00	
Uncollected,	2,496 96	
		$23,196 96

TAXES, 1895.

Balance from last report,		$1,732 47
Collected and deposited with R. H. Porter, treasurer,	$360 00	
Abatements,	1,010 64	
Error on warrant,	334 13	
Balance,	27 70	
		$1,732 47

STREET SPRINKLING ASSESSMENT.

Amount of assessment,	$1,137 50	
Balance from last report,	250 45	
		$1,387 95

Collected and deposited with treasurer,	$900 00	
Uncollected,	487 95	
		$1,387 95

Respectfully,

A. M. NIMS.
Collector.

VITAL STATISTICS.

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To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Councils:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

Births Registered in the City of Keene, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 4	Earl.	M		L	2	W	G. Fred Little.	Ella Isham.	W	Keene.	Engineer.	Plattsb'rg, N.Y.	Keene.	30	28
" 4	Henry.	M		L	2	"	George Kenney.	Lizzie Coffey.	"	"	Laborer.	Westmoreland.	"	33	21
" 8		M		L	2	"	Louis A. Piper.	Mary L. Nims.	"	"	Bookkeeper.	Keene.	"	30	30
" 17			F	L	2	"	Elmer E. Russell.	Sarah J. Sheldon	"	"	Farmer.	"	"	26	30
" 18	John.	M		L	8	"	Thomas O'Connor.	Mary Breeze.	"	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	38	36
" 18	John Emerald.	M		L	3	"	Carl Johnson.	N. Stromgren.	"	"	Milkman.	Sweden.	Sweden.	33	28
" 19	Paul Frislee.	M		L	2	"	Phillip S. Carroll.	Dora A. Frislee.	"	"	Mason.	Keene.	Claremont.	26	28
" 19		M		S	4	"	John Kane.	Annie Hartnett.	"	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	36	34
" 21	Leslie Alpheus.	M		L	2	"	George D. Cowdrey.	Ida W. Welch.	"	"	"	Westmoreland.	Gilsum.	31	26
" 21			F	L	3	"	Henry M. Nims.	Ada C. Ellis.	"	"	Farmer.	Sullivan.	Keene.	47	42
" 29	Richard.	M		L	1	"	Joseph A. Hill.	M. Louise Jones	"	"	Shoe maker.	Keene.	Rockingham, [Vt.	23	18
" 29	Hazel Catherine.		F	L	2	"	Clarence A. Chase.	L. Kingsbury.	"	"	Painter.	"	Keene.	24	29
Feb. 7	Mary E.		F	L	1	"	William Sweeney.	Maggie Driscoll	"	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	33	29
" 8			F	L	3	"	Frank N. Briggs.	Gertie Pickett.	"	"	Sta. engineer.	Athol, Mass.	Winchester.	40	20
" 8	Lucy Lawrence.		F	L	1	"	Wallace L. Mason.	B'rtha Hayward	"	"	Bank cashier.	Keene.	Switzerland.	31	22
" 8		M		L	1	"	James Smith.	Rosa Merrifield	"	"		Scotland.	East Jaffrey.	19	18
" 8	(Twins.)	M		L	2	"	James Smith.	Rosa Merrifield	"	"		"	"	19	18
" 8	Rachel M.		F	L	3	"	Walton D. Knight.	Mary Nadow.	"	"	Box maker.	Marlow.	Uxbridge, Ms.	30	30
" 9	Charles E.	M		L	1	"	Eli J. Penor.	Mary Rock.	"	"	Laborer.	Wallingford, Vt	Rutland, Vt.	31	22
" 9	Mary Emily.		F	L	3	"	Lester E. Alexander.	Carrie Webster.	"	"	Mechanic.	Fitzwilliam.	Walpole.	33	33
" 11	Elia Maria Éliz'th		F	L	1	"	Henry Swenson.	Amanda Morlen	"	"	Furn. maker.	Sweden.	Sweden.	29	24
" 15	Priscilla Sarah.		F	L	3	"	Windsor H. Goodnow	Anna L. Putnam	"	"	Merchant.	Lyme.	Fitchburg, Ms.	32	33
" 17	James Burt.	M		L	2	"	Harry Muchmore.	Minnie Hadley.	"	"	Emp. Ft. Depot.	Ware.	Lowell, Ms. [Y.	30	23
" 18	George Wing.	M		L	1	"	Charles Bilson.	Lizzie Hockf'rd	"	"	Machinist.	Troy, N. Y.	Schnectady, N.	33	21
" 19			F	S	2	"	Milton Buckminster.	Addie Fowler.	"	"	Farmer.	Keene.	Keene.	38	33
" 20	Clare Edward.	M		L	3	"	Frank E. Conant.	Mabel I. Barrett	"	"	Laborer.	Fitchburg, Ms.	Sullivan.	39	27
" 20	Paul L.	M		L	1	"	Fred L. Hutchins.	Mabel E. Hunt.	"	"	Painter.	Charlestown.	Charlestown.	21	18
" 22			F	L	8	"	Joseph Cota.	Mary La Rock.	"	"	Farmer.	Burlington, Vt.	Fair Haven, Vt.	40	39
" 25			F	L	2	"	Herschel J. Fowler.	Madella Byam.	"	"	Box manuf'ct'r.	Alexandria, Vt.	Keene.	46	34
" 26	Hortense.		F	L	3	"	Joseph Bergeron.	E. Trephine.	"	"	Mechanic.	Canada.	Canada.	27	22

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Feb. 27	Lorenzo.	M		L	1	W	William F. Hammond	Lillian Higgins	W	Keene.	Laborer.	Winchester.	Swanzey.	22	19
Mar. 2	Lucy Friend.		F	L	2	"	Harry T. Kingsbury.	Lottie K. Friend	"	"	Manufacturer.	Keene.	Gloucester, Ms.	26	25
" 7			F	L	1	"	Edward E. Williams.	Mary L. King.	"	"	Hotel steward.	Melrose, Mass.	Athol, Mass.	27	25
" 9	Mary Frelove.		F	L	1	"	Joseph King.	Jennie Maicue.	"	"	Chair maker.	Canada.	Canada.	38	35
" 14	Mary.		F	L	1	"	Thomas Guerin.	Mary Hickey.	"	"	Carpenter.	Ireland.	Ireland.	27	30
" 17	Mary.		F	L	1	"	John Martell.	Mary Powers.	"	"	Mechanic.	New Brunswi'k	Boston, Mass.	21	20
" 21	Louisa Avelina.		F	L	5	"	Fred Derosier.	A. Champain.	"	"	Stone cutter.	Canada.	Canada.	27	28
" 22	Barbara Frances.		F	L	3	"	John F. McGrath.	Mary Finan.	"	"	Tailor.	Ireland.	Keene.	32	26
" 26	Mary Jane.		F	L	9	"	Michael Hickey.	Nora Collins.	"	"	Laborer.	"	Ireland.	36	35
" 27	Edith Gertrude.		F	L	4	"	William F. Pierce.	H. Seward.	"	"	Sash maker.	Keene.	Hague, N. Y.	42	36
" 27		M		L	3	"	Fred E. Howe.	Susie S. Buffum	"	"	Wood carver.	"	Keene.	31	30
Apr. 3				S	2	"	Henry D. Carr.	Rosie Daniels.	"	"	Pedlar.	Newport.	Coleraine, Ms.	30	28
" 3	William.	M		L	6	"	John Ahern.	Kate Moran.	"	"	Painter.	Ireland.	Ireland.	50	42
" 7	Beatrice Irene.		F	L	3	"	Joseph Sivigni.	J. Ledoure.	"	"	Carpenter.	Canada.	Canada.	32	23
" 9	Julia Carlisle.		F	L	2	"	Oscar P. Applin.	A. F. Livi'gston	"	"	Furn. finisher.	Swanzey.	Westmoreland.	40	40
" 9	William D.	M		L	6	"	Alexander M. Black.	H. Osborne.	"	"	Carver.	Scotland.	Boston, Mass.	37	27
" 12	Robert.	M		L	15	"	James H. Barrus.	M. A. Wheelock	"	"	Mechanic.	Fitzwilliam.	Swanzey.	50	43
" 19	Earl.	M		L	2	"	William Pratt.	Lucy ——	"	"	Laborer.	Walpole.	Townsend, Vt.	25	24
" 25	John.	M		L	1	"	Martin Marshall.	Minnie White.	"	"	Cigar maker.	New York.	Keene.	21	19
" 27		M		L	8	"	Peter Sharkey.	Sarah Dersa.	"	"	Laborer.	Highgate, Vt.	Canada.	46	40
" 30	Marguerite Viola.		F	L	2	"	Walter L. Reed.	Grace Harris.	"	"	Carpenter.	Westmoreland.	Seymour, Conn.	25	19
May 3	Homer Lauren.	M		L	1	"	George F. Trask.	Emma Laurent.	"	"	Shoe maker.	Keene.	East Sullivan.	24	23
" 3		M		L	3	"	Frank M. Russell.	Anna G. Esty.	"	"	Farmer.	Harrisville.	Hinsdale.	34	27
" 4			F	L	2	"	Charles P. Fisher.	M. Cuthbert.	"	"	Mechanic.	Nelson.	—— Minn.	23	21
" 17	Ruth.		F	L	3	"	George W. Fisher.	M. F. Whitney.	"	"	Machinist.	"	Upton, Mass.	46	41
" 18	Alexander.	M		L	2	"	Henry S. Campbell.	Ellen R. Moore.	"	"	Farmer.	New Brunswi'k	Swanzey.	22	32
" 19		M		L	2	"	Edward L. Loveland.	Grace Higgins.	"	"	Shoe maker.	Nelson.	Worcester, Ms.	31	24
" 21	Myron Dustin.	M		L	3	"	Alfred L. Flagg.	C. Willson.	"	"	Carpenter.	Fitchburg, Ms.	Scotland.	27	26
" 25		M		S	7	"	William LaBou.	Louisa Allen.	"	"	Laborer.	Vergennes, Vt.	Westport, N.Y.	35	35
June 2	Hattie Mayette.		F	L	5	"	Henry E. Baldwin.	Luthera Kelton.	"	"	Box maker.	Winchester.	Athol, Mass.	51	34

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June 5	Harry.	M		L	1	W	Frank O. Wright.	Cynthia Cater.	W	Keene.	Farmer.	Keene.	Alstead.	43	27
" 5	Emma.		F	L	3	"	Eli Bargeon.	Mary Barden.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	34	28
" 6	Alice Kate.		F	L	1	"	Arthur C. Jennings.	Mary Blaize.	"	"	Farmer.	England.	"	20	16
" 14	Paul Edwards.	M		L	1	"	George Lesure.	Lula M. Fish.	"	"	Com. salesman.	Quechy, Vt.	Keene.	25	20
" 16	Ellen.		F	L	6	"	Vigo Chas. Bertholdt.	Johan'a Johns'n	"	"	Clerk.	Denmark.	Sweden.	33	34
" 17		M		L	7	"	Fred A. Leach.	Fr'nc'lla Ruffle.	"	"	Mechanic.	Keene.	Keene.	35	30
" 20	Walter.	M		L	2	"	Walter G. Peck.	Addie Cameron	"	"	Painter.	Charlestown.	Canada.	33	28
" 21		M		L	3	"	Fred Pratt.	Henrietta Smith	"	"	Farmer.	Townsend, Vt.	Alstead.	30	25
" 23	Irene.		F	L	3	"	Edward Auger.	Nellie Lampron	"	"	Shoe maker.	Canada.	Keene.	27	26
" 25		M		S	4	"	Fred Russell.	Ella White.	"	"	Laborer.	Keene.	"	29	26
" 25	Jennie V. Agnes.		F	L	3	"	William M. Gilho.	Anna Walsh.	"	"	Teamster.	Scotland.	Ireland.	32	29
" 26	Samuel.	M		L	6	"	Julius Bergeron.	Mary Brooks.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	—— R. I.	41	32
" 28	Eva Abbie.		F	L	2	"	Edw. W. Richardson.	Ida J. Kenson.	"	"	Cabinet maker.	Woburn, Mass.	Claremont.	44	38
" 29	A. Madeline.		F	L	4	"	James E. Chandler.	Matilda Paradis	"	"	Printer.	Jersey City, N. J.	Prince Ed. Isle.	30	30
" 30		M		L	2	"	Charles E. Foster.	Bridget Ryan.	"	"	Laborer.	Keene.	England.	29	27
July 3		M		L	3	"	John H. Matthews.	Nellie Patterson	"	"	Shoe maker.	Henniker.	Sharon.	33	32
" 4			F	L	5	"	Charles A. Seward.	Eliza J. Manley	"	"	Laborer.	Charlestown.	Benson, Vt.	45	41
" 16	Annie.		F	L	15	"	Cornelius Driscoll.	H. Lombard.	"	"	"	Ireland.	Ireland.	44	41
" 23		M		L	4	"	John Sweeney.	Annie Reagan.	"	"	"	"	"	28	27
" 30	Effie May.		F	L	2	"	William F. Melvin.	Ada J. Carkins.	"	"	Teamster.	Lowell, Mass.	Fitzwilliam.	25	20
" 30	Sherman A.	M		L	2	"	George M. Reed.	Alice Poole.	"	"	Box manufact'r.	Keene.	Keene.	39	31
" 30	Warren W.	M		L	1	"	Weston W. Wilber.	Jennie Roach.	"	"	Painter.	Westmore, Vt.	Westmore, Vt.	21	21
Aug. 4		M		S	3	"	George D. Pollard.	Minnie Ingalls.	"	"	Buildi'g mover.	Greenfield.	Keene.	35	30
" 6	Gladys Phebe.		F	L	7	"	Ervin M. Bullard.	M. L. Stowell.	"	"	Pr'visi'n deal'r.	Swanzey.	Swanzey.	37	35
" 7	Hazel.		F	L	3	"	James L. Wood.	Carrie Leonard.	"	"	Mechanic.	Fitchburg, Ms.	Grafton, Vt.	46	36
" 9	Florence Marjorie		F	L	5	"	George W. Piper.	Lizzie S. Smith.	"	"	"	"	Canada.	50	36
" 12			F	L	1	"	Alexander Bruder.	Lena Hoplin.	"	"	Baker.	Austria.	Stamford, Ct.	27	24
" 12	James L.	M		L	3	"	Edward Fay.	Matilda Murray	"	"	Laborer.	St. Albans, Vt.	St. Albans, Vt.	37	36
" 14		M		L	3	"	Don I. Petts.	M'rg'ret Darli'g	"	"	Merchant.	Keene.	Keene.	29	28
" 19	Estella Charlotte.		F	L	2	"	Myron A. Nims.	Ada Scripture.	"	"	Clerk.	Harrisville.	Surry.	28	25

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Aug. 19	Margaret.		F	L	2	W	George Murray.	Mary Ducette.	W	Keene.	Blacksmith.	St. Albans, Vt.	St. Albans, Vt.	22	20
" 21	Ruth.		F	L	6	"	John F. Burgum.	Cora E. Reed.	"	"	Mechanic.	Concord.	Winch'd'n, Ms.	41	34
" 22	Marion.		F	L	3	"	Charles L. Sutton.	Isa A. Knapp.	"	"	"	Troy.	"	30	28
" 23	James Edward, Jr.	M		L	2	"	James E. Blake.	Mabel Z. Hill.	"	"	Machinist.	Biddeford, Me.	Swanzey.	28	19
" 28	Stewart Henry.	M		L	1	"	Frank C. Emerson.	C. Shepardson.	"	"	Freig't handl'r.	Webster, Mass.	Marlow.	29	27
Sept. 8	Edith Elise.		F	L	2	"	Horace W. Bond.	Mary R. ——	"	"	Carpenter.	Sheboygan, Wis	Waterloo, P.Q.	40	31
" 12	Emma.		F	L	4	"	Peter Blake.	Lydia White.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	33	32
" 14	Lena Iola.		F	L	2	"	Louis Castaw.	Mattie Dunbar.	"	"	"	Highgate, Vt.	Pittsford, Vt.	24	22
" 15	Pearl Irene.		F	L	4	"	Joseph W. Doucette.	M. Boudreau.	"	"	Machinist.	Balters, N. B.	Balters, N. B.	35	28
" 17	Alea Edward.	M		L	6	"	Dolan J. Loiselle.	Lydia Bouvier.	"	"	Spinner.	Canada.	Canada.	36	32
" 18		M		L	8	"	George H. Bennett.	E. Fountain.	"	"	Shoe maker.	Boston, Mass.	"	35	36
" 20	Marjorie L.		F	L	1	"	Herbert D. Collins.	Mabel Thayer.	"	"	Clerk.	Keene.	Keene.	25	24
" 21	Rena May.		F	L	1	"	Albert W. Phelps.	Eunice A. Ellis.	"	"	Machinist.	Marlow.	Roxbury.	28	18
Oct. 3	Dorris.		F	L	1	"	Geo. Well'gton Folger	Nellie I. Ellis.	"	"	Shoe maker.	Nantucket, Ms.	Keene.	32	26
" 8	Robert Chapin.	M		L	4	"	Isaac T. Barron.	Lizzie Gilson.	"	"	Mechanic.	Concord.	Stoddard.	38	41
" 13	Rena Josephine.		F	L	2	"	William A. Sanborn.	Annie Martin.	"	"	Shoe maker.	Wrentham, Ms.	Burke, Mass.	37	21
" 15	Helen.		F	L	1	"	Thomas A. Sherlock.	Lilian Prentiss	"	"	Machinist.	England.	Otis, Mass.	27	28
" 19	Walter.	M		L	1	"	Walter Burdette.	Lucy Falcon.	"	"	Chair maker.	Keene.	Keene.	24	21
" 20	Ernest A.	M		L	1	"	Elwin A. Hofses.	Sarah Sawyer.	"	"	R. R. Fireman.	Brookline.	Greensboro, Vt.	30	31
" 24	Woodbund.	M		L	1	"	Octave Aubin.	D. Semineau.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	31	30
" 26	Alice.		F	L	3	"	Henry A. Hammond.	Susan Waller.	"	"	"	Highgate, Vt.	"	24	23
" 27	Donald Stone.	M		L	1	"	Fred Clifford Graves.	Hattie M. Stone.	"	"	Manufacturer.	Ludlow, Mass.	Keene.	28	26
" 31	Ethel Gertrude.		F	L	5	"	Henry D. Sullivan.	Emma Howard.	"	"	Laborer.	Lawrence, Ms.	"	30	23
Nov. 2	Catherine.		F	L	3	"	Daniel Hanley.	Ellen Winn.	"	"	Brick maker.	Ireland.	Ireland.	37	35
" 4	George.	M		L	5	"	John Shover.	Louisa Durant.	"	"	Laborer.	Sheldon, Vt.	Sheldon, Vt.	28	38
" 7	Gale Earl.	M		L	1	"	Earl D. B. Hill.	Gertr'de Wilson	"	"	Machinist.	Swanzey.	Keene.	27	23
" 16	James.	M		L	1	"	Joseph Ridley.	Laura Waite.	"	"	Shoe maker.	Springfield, Ms.	Worcester, Ms.	24	21
" 16	Murray White.	M		L	1	"	Alden H. Bartlett.	Ethel M. Parker	"	"	Pail turner.	Waterville, Ms.	Keene.	27	23
" 17	Francis.	M		L	5	"	Francis Chisson.	Mary McGinnis	"	"	Machinist.	Prince Ed. Isle.	Prince Ed. Isle.	34	28
" 18			F	L	5	"	Leavitt W. Safford.	H. E. Hinds.	"	"	Farmer.	Chesterfield.	Chesterfield.	52	46

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Nov. 20	Paul.	M		L	5	W	John Reason.	Margaret Foley	W	Keene.	Mechanic.	Keene.	Keene.	36	32
" 25	Charles Holland.	M		L	2	"	Leston E. Mason.	Ada R. Holland	"	"	Merchant.	Sullivan.	St. Louis, Mo.	43	33
" 26	Richard Langdon	M		L	5	"	George M. Hodgkins.	J. Vancellette.	"	"	Farmer	Alstead.	Surry.	42	25
" 27	John Joseph.	M		L	7	"	Lazarus Sweet.	Jane LaCharity	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	St. J'nsb'ry, Vt.	27	27
Dec. 2	Varina Kausae.		F	L	1	"	Jacob Latvala.	Sophia Barryea.	"	"	" [Exch.	Finland.	Finland.	25	25
" 3	Richard Gorman.	M		L	1	"	George L. Rice.	Edna Gorman.	"	"	Man. Telephone	Jaffrey.	East Swanzey.	27	28
" 3			F	S	2	"	Albert C. Shepard.	Minnie Evans.	"	"	Mechanic.	Alstead.	Keene.	31	28
" 5		M		S	5	"	Everett W. Farwell.	Mattie Shirley.	"	"	Shoe maker.	Peabody, Mass.	Marbl'he'd, Ms.	30	33
" 7	Mary.		F	L	1	"	Jeremiah Dee.	Mary Hanney.	"	"	Watchman.	Keene.	Boston, Mass.	25	18
" 13	Mary.		F	L	10	"	Oliver Boyea.	Nora Yettow.	"	"	Teamster.	Malone, N. Y.	Elmburg, N. Y.	37	34
" 14			F	L	1	"		S. R. Butler.	"	Boston, Mass.			Boston, Mass.		21
" 19	Mary.		F	L	6	"	Albert Carkins.	Jennie Breene.	"	Keene.	Painter.	Keene.	Keene.	33	32
" 19	Leon L.	M		L	2	"	William H. Hall.	Emily Gilmore.	"	"	Mechanic.	"	"	29	26
" 20			F	L	1	"	Daniel L. Hill.	Lula Hodgman.	"	"	"	Swanzey.	Stoddard.	32	18
" 27			F	L	2	"	Frank Holman.	Emily Butcher.	"	"	Farmer.	Nova Scotia.	Nova Scotia.	29	31
" 28	John.	M		L	3	"	George Carpenter.	Sarah Gately.	"	"	Mill hand.	Keene.	Ireland.	29	32
" 28	Irene.		F	L	7	"	Isaac Champagne.	Emma Pregeant	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	36	30
" 30		M		L	9	"	Lewis Castaw.	Sophia Green.	"	"	"	"	Highgate, Vt.	65	37
" 31			F	L	9	"	Eugene R. Seaver.	M. McPhee.	"	"	Carpenter.	Nelson.	England.	38	30
" 31	Paul.	M		L	3	"	Burpee H. Neaves.	Mary Perham.	"	"	Laborer.	Nova Scotia.	Hinsdale.	24	24

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Jan. 1	Keene.	Walter K. Clissold.	Gilsum.	26	W	Loom fixer.	Litchfield [Plain, Me.	Thos. Clissold. Nancy Keyes.	Oxford, Ms. Westford, Ms.		1st	Rev. S. H. McCol- [lester.
		E. Victoria Pitcher.	Keene.	27	"		E. Sullivan.	Fred Pitcher. A. M. Barrett.	Washington. Stoddard.	Farmer.	1st	
" 1	"	Henry A. Smith.	"	26	"	Brakeman.	Keene.	George Smith. Georg. Holden.	[Ms. Charlestown,		1st	Rev. C. B. Elder.
		Nellie E. Allen.	"	36	"		Gardner, Ms.	Samuel A. Ball. Mary Harris.	Alstead. Winch'don, Ms.		1st	
" 8	"	Henry McGee.	"	25	"	Box maker.	Ireland.	Patrick McGee. M. Morrison.	Ireland. "		1st	Rev. D. A. Ryan.
		Agnes Deegan.	"	22	"		"	Joseph Deegan. Bridget.	" "		1st	
" 15	"	Jeremiah F. Dee.	"	24	"	Night hostler.	England.	Cornelius Dee. Mary O'Connor	" "		1st	Rev. D. A. Ryan.
		Jeanette M. Harvey	"	22	"		Boston, Ms.	John Harvey. W. O'Donnell.	Scotland. Ireland.		1st	
" 22	Gardner, Ms.	Nath. G. Woodbury.	"	72	"	Pail man'r.	Hallowell, [Me.	N. Woodbury. Clar. Whitney.			2d	Rev. E. M. Fuller.
		Mary E. Wilder.	Gardner, Ms.	65	"		Winch'n, Ms.	Luke Parks. Elizab'th Jones.			2d	
Feb. 1	Keene.	Fred C. Hartson.	Orange, Ms.	26	"	Machinist.	Orange, Ms.	John Hartson. Ellen White.	Wendell, Ms. Templeton, Ms.		1st	Rev. S. G. Abbott.
		Alice C. Jackson.	Athol, Ms.	24	"		Bermuda Isle	Henry Jackson. Emma Dodd.	England. Bermuda Isle.	Railroad man	1st	
" 11	"	Edward A. Bailey.	Keene.	31	"	Delivery clk.	Swanzey.	Clark Bailey. Harriet Davis.	Swanzey. Chesterfield.		1st	Rev. Jas. Cairns.
		Lillian R. Brooks.	"	32	"		Milton, Ms.	Eli Brooks. Fanny Cross.	Surry. Barton, Vt.		1st	
" 12	"	Joseph E. Saunders	"	30	"	Blacksmith.	Troy.	John Saunders. Bridget Allmon	Ireland. "		1st	Rev. D. A. Ryan.
		Mary Gilbo.	"	29	"		Clayland, NY	Barney Gilbo. Cath. Monahan.	" "	Laborer.	1st	

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Feb. 15	Marlboro.	William F. Reed.	Keene.	23	W	Clerk F.R.R.	Boston, Ms.	William Reed.	Trowbridge, E.		1st	Rev. G. Buzzell.
								Julia Weston.	"			
		Ethel M. Crocker.	"	18	"		[Ms. Templeton,	Geo. Crocker.	Templeton, Ms.	Jobber.	1st	
								Louisa Thayer.	Petersham, Ms.			
" 26	Keene.	Fred Martelle.	"	22	"	Clerk.	Derby Line,	M. Martelle.	Canada.		1st	Rev. Jas. Cairns.
								Lena Chestnut.				
		Evadell R. Jenkins.	"	22	"		[Vt. Stoddard.	Geo. Jenkins.	Stoddard.		1st	
								Mary A. Nye.	"			
Mar. 3	"	Wm. E. Morrison.	"	27	"	Hostler.	Salem.	Wm. Morrison.	Canada.		1st	Rev. C. B. Elder.
								A. Livingston.	Saco, Me,			
		Myra L. Eddy.	Athol, Ms.	19	"		Chesterfield.	George Eddy.	Chesterfield.	Laborer.	1st	
								H. Stoddard.	Templeton, Ms.			
" 7	"	Herbert A. Ellis.	[Vt. Bellows Falls,	34	"	Farmer.	[Vt. Westminst'r,	John Ellis.	Bath.		2d	Rev. A. W. Hand.
								Ann M. Cowen.				
		Mary Pratt.	Keene.	21	"		Keene.	Chas. Palmer.			2d	
								Nancy Priest.				
" 9	"	Charles W. Hosley.	"	32	"	Shoe maker.	Readsboro Vt	Willard Hosley	Readsboro, Vt.		1st	Rev. Jas. Cairns.
								Adali'e Bassett.	So. Adams, Ms.			
		Nellie Z. Smith.	"	24	"		Keene.	Geo. A. Smith.	Peterboro.	Engineer.	1st	
								Georg. Holden.	Bel's Falls, Vt.			
" 20	"	Fred E. Bushey.	"	28	"	Shoe maker.	[N. Y. Hinesburg,	John Bushey.	Charlotte, Vt.		2d	Rev. A. W. Hand.
								Rose Dyer.	Erving, Ms.	Carpenter.		
		Gertrude A. Davis.	"	20	"		Walpole.	Charles Davis.			1st	
								Abbie Ellis.	Swanzey.			
Apr. 4	"	Delbert R. Blake.	"	22	"	Pail turner.	Surry.	John E. Blake.	Keene.		1st	Rev. J. C. Ayer, Jr.
								Abbie J. Blake.	Surry.			
		Joanna F. Riley.	"	36	"		Keene.	Dennis Foley.	Ireland.		2d	
								Bridget Casey.	"			
" 6	"	William Bergeron.	"	22	"		Canada.	Eli Bergeron.	Canada.		1st	Rev. D. A. Ryan.
								Mary Gevans.	"			
		Ros'a Verboncocur.	"	19	"		"	C. Verboncocur	"		1st	
								H. Chabotte.	"			

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Apr. 22	Keene.	Samuel B. Eaton.	Keene.	24	W	Loco. fireman	Nashua.	C. F. Eaton.	Nashua.		1st	Rev. M. C. Pen-
		Annie L. Johnson.	Boothbay Harbor, Me.	25	"		Boothbay Harbor, Me.	Rachel Lung.	Moors Falls.		1st	dexter.
" 24	"	Charles S. Payne.	Keene.	22	"	Hostler.	Weath'rsfi'd, Vt.	Willard Payne.	Springfield, Vt.		1st	Rev. G. H. DeBe-
		Lottie M. Knapp.	"	18	"		Hinsdale.	Laura Spencer.	Westmins'r, Vt.		1st	voise.
" 25	"	James L. Little.	"	21	"	Teamster.	Benson, Vt.	Edw. J. Knapp.	Woodford, Ms.		1st	Rev. A. W. Hand.
		Mabel H. Sargent.	Brattleb'ro, Vt.	20	"		Brattleboro, Vt.	M. Davis.	Williamst'n Ms		1st	
" 30	"	Herbert D. Bard.	Philadelp'a, Pa.	27	"	Fin. manag'r.	Dunberton.	Loyal Little.	Benson, Vt.		1st	Rev. G. I. Bard.
		Cora E. McDuffee.	Keene.	27	"		Keene.	Carrie E. Lyon.	W. Haven, Vt.		1st	
May 2	Surry.	Thomas W. Smith.	"	26	"	Mechanic.	Canada.	W. Sargent.	Dummers'n, Vt.		2d	Rev. J. Fawcett.
		Jennie Chamberl'n.	Surry.	22	"		Surry.	Nettie Good.			2d	
" 7	"	Wm. P. Carleton.	Keene.	47	"	Man'r.	Winchester.	Geo. I. Bard.	Francistown.		2d	Rev. M. C. Pen-
		Lizzie M. Converse	"	35	"		Medford, Ms.	Jerusha Parker	Littleton.		2d	dexter.
" 12	"	Charles L. Clark.	"	31	"	Nurse.	P. E. Isle.	Geo. McDuffee.	Lempster.		1st	Rev. E. Renouf.
		Helen S. Dodge.	"	21	"		Keene.	Ellen Lewis.	Nashua.		1st	
" 18	"	Joseph E. Lowzer.	"	23	"	Box maker.	Canada.	Dennis Smith.	Canada.		1st	Rev. D. A. Ryan.
		Axilea Pluff.	Swanzey.	18	"		Swanzey.	E. Dickinson.	"	Farmer.	1st	
								Wm. Kenney.	Surry.			
								Eliza Howard.	Sullivan.			
								P. Carleton.	Winchester.			
								Hannah Gale.	Heath, Ms.			
								Eli Brooks.	Surry.			
								Fatima Cass.	Barton, Vt.			
								Nath. Clark.	Prince Ed. Isle.			
								Jane Leard.	"			
								Fred Dodge.	Keene.			
								Annie R. Hall.	Vergennes, Vt.			
								Peter Lowzer.	Canada.			
								Agnes Wilcox.	"			
								Michael Pluff.	"			
								Azilea Teller.	"			

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May 20	Keene.	Charles S. Wright.	Keene.	40	W	Mechanic.	No. Leominster, Ms.	John R. Wright Judith Sanborn	Concord, Ms. W'shingt'n, Vt.		2d	Rev. A. McCord.
		Ada S. Howe.	"	38	"		Keene.	B. Richardson. Sarah Goodnow	Keene. Westmoreland.	Farmer.	2d	
" 26	"	Fred C. Nims.	"	30	"	Merchant.	"	Chester Nims. Cynthia Wilder.	Keene. Le'min'ter, Ms.		1st	Rev. C. B. Elder.
		Hattie M. Parker.	"	30	"		Fitchb'rg, Ms	Wm. Parker. Emily Sandall.	Putney, Vt. Keene.	Tailor.	1st	
June 3	"	Leander A. Woods.	Orange, Ms.	26	"	Box maker.	Canada.	Raym'd Woods. Rosa Greenie.	Canada.		1st	Rev. D. J. Dunn.
		Mary A. Donovan.	Keene.	25	"		Keene.	Den's Donovan. Mary Nusnon.	Ireland. "		1st	
" 9	Gardner, Ms.	Harry C. Dean.	"	25	"	Clerk.	"	Lafayette Dean. Reb. Crossfield.	Westmoreland.		1st	Rev. F. F. Sweet.
		Almeda I. Barron.	S. Gardner, Ms.	22	"		Fitchb'rg, Ms	Chas. Barron. Sarah Holman.	Fitchburg, Ms. Boston, Ms.		1st	
" 10	Keene.	George E. Hirsch.	Keene.	37	"	Chair maker.	Keene.	Charles Hirsch. Is'b'le Jameson.	Baltimore, Md. Antrim.		2d	Rev. C. B. Elder.
		Ellen F. Munsell.	"	27	"		"	Rob't Munsell. Jennie Fisher.	Swanzey. Putney, Vt.	Manufact'r.	1st	
" 10	"	Daniel F. Sullivan.	Fitchburg, Ms.	29	"	Clerk.	Fitchb'rg, Ms	Dan'l Sullivan. Kath. Leahy.	Ireland. "		1st	Rev. D. J. Dunn.
		Mary A. Sweeney.	Keene.	21	"		Keene.	Dan'l Sweeney. J. Dougherty.	" "	Blacksmith.	1st	
" 15	"	Wilford Lanois.	"	20	"	Lather.	Canada.	Moses Lanois. Mary Major.	Canada. "		1st	Rev. D. J. Dunn.
		Sarah Ellen Wall.	"	17	"		"	John Wall. Marg'et Tracy.	Ireland. "		1st	
" 17	"	Daniel B. Sweeney.	"	31	"	Plumber.	Ireland.	Wm. Sweeney. Ellen Collins.	" "		1st	Rev. D. J. Dunn.
		Alice B. Dee.	"	31	"		Keene.	Patrick Dee. Joh'na Hanley.	" "	Road master.	1st	

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June 22	Keene.	Joseph A. Demen-	Keene.	24	W	Brick maker.	Canada.	N. Demenche.	Canada.		1st	Rev. D. J. Dunn.
		[che. Amanda Jacob.	"	20	"		"	Judith Prulx. Joseph Jacob.	" "	Farmer.	1st	
								Merenea Hood.	"			
" 23	"	Cornelius E. Sulli-	"	34	"	Shoe dealer.	Keene.	Corn. Sullivan.	Rome, N. Y.		1st	Rev. D. C Ling.
		[van.						Bridget Kepple	Ireland.			
		Joanna F. Foley.	"	32	"		"	Dennis J. Foley.	Dalton, Ms.	Blacksmith.	1st	
								N. Fitzgerald.	Ireland.			
" 23	"	William H. Upham.	Bellows Falls,	37	"	Car Inspector	Winooski, Vt.	John Upham.	Granville, N.Y.		1st	Rev. W. G. Poor.
			[Vt.					Ellen Burns.	Jericho, Vt.			
		Emma M. Hall.	Keene.	31	"		Keene.	Sam'l C. Hall.		Jobber.	1st	
								—— Sturtevant.	Keene.			
" 23	Dublin.	Ira J. Prouty.	"	38	"	Physician.	Ogdensbu'gh	Ira F. Prouty.	Langdon.		2d	Rev. W. G. Poor.
							[N. Y.	Elsie Joslin.	Stoddard.			
		Elizabeth F. Howe.	Dublin.	28	"		Dublin.	Elmer Howe.	Clinton, Ms.	Farmer.	1st	
								Lucy Marsh.	Keene.			
" 24	Keene.	Arthur R. Parker.	Putney, Vt.	38	"	Carri'ge pain-	Montville, Ct.	Fredr'k Parker.	Montville, Ct.		1st	Rev. C. B. Elder.
						[ter.		Lucy Garder.	Bozrah, Ct.			
		Susanna J. Harris.	Keene.	21	"		Seymour, Ct.	Fred Harris.	Cornwell, Eng.		1st	
								Martha Loser.	Seymour, Ct.			
" 25	"	Frank Archibald.	Leominster, Ms	44	"	Blacksmith.	Leominster,	L. Archibald.	Le'minst'r, Ms.		1st	Rev. E. Renouf.
							[Ms.	Martha Pierce.	"			
		Lottie N. Nourse.	Swampscott, Ms	42	"		Swampscott,	Rufus Delnow.	Swampsc't, Ms.		2d	
								Eliz. Newhall.	"			
" 29	"	Samuel Patrick.	Keene.	29	"	Express agt.	Windsor, Vt.	Norm'n Patrick	Hartland, Vt.		1st	Rev. C. I. Hale.
								Sarah Purdy.	Manchester, Vt.			
		Susan L. Applin.	"	20	"		Marlboro.	Charles Applin.	Swanzey.		1st	
" 29	"	Frederick A. Swan.	Boston, Ms.	37	"	Electrician.	Morgan, O.	James B. Swan.	Camden, Me.		2d	Rev. W. McDan-
								Harriet Barker.	Searsmont, Me.			[iels.
		Emma I. McDaniels	Keene.	26	"		Rochester.	W. McDaniels.	Hardwick, Vt.		1st	
								Lavina Magoon	Canada.			

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June 30	Keene.	James H. Foley.	Keene.	31	W	Pail turner.	Keene.	Dennis Foley. Bridget Casey.	Ireland. "		1st	Rev. D. J. Dunn.
		Annie T. Toolan.	"	26	"		Ireland.	—— Toolan. Elizabeth.	" "		1st	
July 1	"	Frank L. Thompson	"	20	"	Pail turner.	Surry.	Jos. Thompson Alice Cushing.	Keene. Surry.		1st	Rev. M. C. Pen-[dexter.
		Ada Fannie Blake.	"	19	"		"	John Blake. Abbie Blake.	Keene. Surry.	Box maker.	1st	
" 17	"	Robert Chessman.	"	23	"	Mechanic.	England.	F. Chessman. Elvina White.	England. Canada.		1st	Rev. A. W. Hand.
		Jennie C. Britton.	"	18	"		Surry.	John L. Britton. Sarah M.	Chesterfield. Andover, Vt.		1st	
" 21	Jaffrey.	James H. Hayes.	"	27	"	Shoe maker.	Keene.	Patrick Hayes. Ann Dillon.	Ireland. "		1st	Rev. G. F. Mar-[shall.
		Katie F. McCarty.	Jaffrey.	23	"		Jaffrey.	C. McCarty.	"	Farmer.	1st	
" 22	Swanzey.	Henry J. Brown.	Keene.	20	"	Painter.	Troy.	Henry Brown. Mary Weston.	England. "		2d	Rev. T. L. Fowler.
		Emma Whitcomb.	"	19	"		"	O. Whitcomb. Helen Parker.	Troy. "	Farmer.	1st	
" 26	Keene.	Charles E. Pratt.	"	33	"	Farmer.	Walpole.	Isaiah Pratt. V. Moretripp.	Vermont. "		3d	Rev. A. McCord.
		Ada H. Kingsbury.	"	36	"		Keene.	A. Kingsbury. Harriet Newell.	Oxford, Ms. Gilsum.		1st	
" 27	"	Charles A. Little.	"	26	"	Com. sal'sm'n	Plattsburgh, [N. Y.	Lewis Little. A. LaBrick.	Plattsburg, NY "		1st	Rev. O. Apple-[gate, Jr.
		Mary E. Gorman.	"	29	"		Shelbu'ne, Vt.	Wm. Gorman. Julia Flood.	Ireland. "	Farmer.	1st	
" 28	"	Royal Brown.	Boston, Ms.	34	"	Com. sal'sm'n	Oswego, N. Y.	Royal Brown. C. Kimberley.	Hamilt'n, N. Y. Massachusetts.		1st	Rev. E. Renouf.
		Katie Walch.	"	29	"		Boston, Ms.	Rich'rd Walsh. Bessie Day.	Ireland. Massachusetts.		1st	

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Aug. 5	Marlow.	Leroy Burdett.	Keene.	22	W	Chair maker.	Munsonville.	Wm. Burdett. A. Messenger.	Gardner, Ms. Stoddard.		1st	Rev. E. N. Jarrett.
		Ida V. Carpenter.	Gilsum.	20	"		Alstead.	J. Carpenter. Susan Cushing.	Surry. Walpole.		1st	
" 8	Keene.	William F. Parker.	Keene.	34	"	Shoe maker.	So. Hiram, [Me.	Thos. Parker Lonisa Tripp.	So. Hiram, Me. "		2d	Don H. Wood- [ward, J. P.
		Matilda Tebo.	"	30	"		Troy.	—— Tebo. Alice.			1st	
" 12	"	Anthony C. Post.	Boston, Ms.	36	"	Milk dealer.	Bro'kline, Ms	Burchard Post. B. Understella.	Germany. "		2d	Rev. D. J. Dunn.
		Amelia P. Zimmer- [man.	Keene.	29	"		Keene.	G. Zimmerman Johanna Foley.	" Ireland.	Farmer.	1st	
" 26	"	Archie C. Gillis.	"	25	"	Horse trainer.	Danville, Vt.	Archib'd Gillis. Martha Jones.	Barnet, Vt. "		1st	Rev. G. H. DeBe- [voise.
		Martha E. Jones.	"	18	"		Acworth.	Ed. Kingsbury. El'n Carpenter.	Surry. "	Farmer.	1st	
Sept. 1	"	Walter E. Graves.	"	28	"	Hotel stew'rd	Walpole.	Eli W. Graves. Edna A. Hall.	Walpole. "		1st	Rev. C. Houghton
		Lizzie S. Houghton	Prescott, Ms.	27	"		Marlboro.	C. Houghton. Harriet Frost.	Sullivan. Dublin.	Clergyman.	1st	
" 2	"	Henry E. Davis.	Keene.	32	"	Carpenter.	Chesterfield.	Ezra H. Davis. Harriet Cone.	Chesterfield. W'stmins'r, Vt.		1st	Rev. W. G. Poor.
		Addie E. Russell.	"	25	"		Keene.	Thos. Russell. Eliza Ellis.	Keene. "	Farmer.	1st	
" 10	"	George A. Johnson.	Boston, Ms.	30	"	Physician.	Montreal, Ca.	I. A. Johnson. Mary Eldridge.	Montreal, Ca. Waterloo, Ca.		1st	Rev. M. C. Pen- [dexter.
		Elmira C. Lothrop.	Somerville, Ms.	25	"		Charlestown, [Ms.	Fr'ncis Aldrich Mary Fenton.	N. Hampshire. Fram'ham, Ms.	Cabin't mak'r	2d	
" 12	"	George Z. Herrick.	Keene.	28	"	Teamster.	Forrest Fort, [N. Y.	Geo. Herrick. Soph. Patridge.	Dalton, Ms. W'shi'gt'n, Ms.		1st	Rev. M. C. Pen- [dexter.
		Nellie S. Comstock.	"	26	"		Walpole.	M. Comstock. Anton'te Allen.	Jaffrey. Walpole.		1st	

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Sept. 14	Keene.	George E. Wilcox.	Willimantic, Ct.	31	W	Dentist.	So. Coventry, [Ct.	W. W. Wilcox. Ellen F. Taft.	W. Rhanville, [Ct.		1st	Rev. A. McCord.
		Nettie M. Smith.	Keene.	22	"		W't'rloo, P.Q.	Dennis Smith. E. Dickinson.	So. Shekley, Ca. Montreal, Ca.	Carpenter.	1st	
" 14	"	Walter H. Harvey.	"	22	"	Clerk.	Keene.	James Harvey. M. Burnette.	Marlboro. Leeds, Eng.		1st	Rev. C. B. Elder.
		Bertha May Hall.	"	22	"		E. Westmore- [land.	James G. Hall. Lodema M.	E. Westmore- [land.	Farmer.	1st	
" 23	Worcester, [Ms.	Herbert A. Stratton	"	25	"	Painter.	Keene.	Geo. Stratton. N'llie Whitney.	Richmond. Warwick, Ms.			Rev. A. Sanderson
		Florence E. Eaton.	Lakeview, Ms.	22	"		L'keview, Ms. [Ms.	James Eaton. ——Lee.		Mechanic.		
" 24	Keene.	Adelbert M. Darling	N. Adams, Ms.	35	"	Shoe maker.	Clarksburg,	Oliver Darling. M. Ellison.				Rev. A. W. Hand.
		Lillian M. Fitch.	Keene.	23	"		Keene.	Warren Fitch. Isadore Bowker	Chesham.	Wood dealer.		
Oct. 12	"	Paul Zericsah.	"	22	"	Farmer.	Australia.	Paul Zericsah. Maggie Larar.	Australia. "		1st	Rev. M. C. Pen- [dexter.
		Ella M. Smitchel.	Amsterdam, [N. Y.	20	"		Exeter.	L. Smitchel. Katie Billings.	Germany.	Machinist.	1st	
" 14	"	Louis G. Litchfield.	Keene.	23	"	Bank clerk.	Keene.	Geo. Litchfield. E. Woodward.	Chesterfield, Ms Pottersville.		1st	Rev. W. G. Poor.
		Nellie B. Calef.	"	21	"		"	David R. Calef. Mary Barker.	Keene. Westmoreland.		1st	
" 15	W. Swanzey.	Elijah B. Rugg.	Swanzey.	54	"	Shoe maker.	Londonderry, [Vt.	Jacob B. Rugg. A. Stowell.	Baltimore, Vt. Windham, Vt.		3d	Rev. T. Harlow.
		Etta E. Holbrook.	Keene.	35	"			—— Hill.			2d	
" 17	Winchester.	William H. Ward.	"	35	"	Mechanic.	Swanzey.	Harris'n Ward. Electa L. Hill.	Cape Cod, Ms. Mason.	[ker.	1st	Rev. J. H. Little.
		Maude M. Bruce.	Marlboro.	16	"		Marlboro.	Walter Bruce. Ellen E. Bixby.	Shirley, Ms. Keene.	Harness ma-	1st	

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Oct. 17	Keene.	George A. Mitchell.	Keene.	20	W	Machinist.	England.	Geo. Mitchell. Marg. Wayland	England. Ireland.		1st	Rev. A. W. Hand.
		Ida Jane Domina.	"	19	"		Jay, Vt.	Eli Domina. A. Deo.	Vermont. "	Teamster.	1st	
" 21	"	James W. Hartnett.	"	29	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Wm. Hartnett. Mary Harrigan.	Ireland. "		1st	Rev. D. A. Ryan.
		Nellie Touhey.	"	27	"		"	T. Touhey. Nellie O'Brien.	" "		1st	
" 21	"	Fred John Medway.	"	27	"	[draughtsm'n Mechnnical	[Pa. Susquehanna,	John Medway. Emily Elliot.	Chadleigh, Eng Thurston, Eng.		1st	Rev. W. G. Poor.
		Ella May Wheeler.	"	23	"		[Ms. W. Medford,	Wm. Wheeler. Ella P. Mead.	Augusta, Me. Warwick, N.Y.		1st	
" 24	"	Philaas Bougie.	"	25	"	Clerk.	Canada.	Ovide Bougie. Zoe Couture.	Canada. "		1st	Rev. D. A. Ryan.
		S. Verboncocur.	"	24	"		"	C. Verboncocur. H. Shabot.	" "		1st	
" 26	"	Herman G. Moline.	"	24	"	Machinist.	Sweden.	Chas. C. Moline. A. Anderson.	Sweden. "		1st	Rev. C. B. Elder.
		Lizzie G. Lovejoy.	"	19	"		Keene.	Chas. Lovejoy.	Canada. Ireland.		1st	
" 26	"	Arthur E. Graves.	"	23	"	Mechanic.	Ashfield, Ms.	Geo. L. Graves. Abbie M. Tyler.	Guilford, Vt. Buckland, Ms.		1st	Rev. A. W. Hand.
		Madaline Chilton.	"	23	"		P. E. Isle.	Arthur Chilton. Sarah Thorn.	England. "	Farmer.	1st	
" 28	"	Charles W. Stebbins	Northfield, Ms.	52	"	Carpenter.	[Ms. Northfield,	Geo. Stebbins. Sarah Walkup.			1st	Rev. S. P. Cook.
		Ellen E. Crain.	"	46	"		Erving, Ms.	Charles Moor. Emily Dudley.			2d	
" 28	"	John Desmond.	Keene.	33	"	Coachman.	[N. Y. Waddington,	D. Desmond. Ann Parkerson.	Ireland. "		1st	Rev. J. H. Riley.
		Wi'nif'd O'Donnell.	"	32	"		Keene.	John O'Donnell. W. Ryan.	" "		1st	

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Oct. 28	Chesterfield.	D. A. Chamberlain.	Keene.	46	W	Mechanic.	So'thb'ro, Ms.	E Chamberlain. Nancy Hyde.	Southboro, Ms. "		1st	Rev. G.H.Clarke.
		Mary A. Pierce.	"	45	"		Cambridge, [Ms.	L. Townsend. Mary Nichols.	Bradford. New York.		2d	
" 30	Keene.	Caswell I. Hale.	"	53	"	Salesman.	Richmond.	Israel C. Hale. P. A. Austin.	Massachusetts. Swanzey.		2d	Don [ward, J. P. H. Wood-
		Julia A. Fullum.	"	53	"		Bridgewater, [Vt.	E D.Houghton. A. Townsend.	Woodstock, Vt. Reading, Vt.		2d	
Nov. 7	"	Wilfred F. Bordwin	Swanzey.	18	"	Mechanic.	Canada.	Frank Bordwin. A. Bernard.	Canada. "		1st	Rev. W. G. Poor.
		Carrie Dragon.	Keene.	18	"		Ashuelot.	Frank Dragon. Rose Pelky.	" "	Chopper.	1st	
" 14	"	John Henrickson.	"	31	"	Mechanic.	Sweden.	Henrick Person Brita Nelson.	Sweden. "		1st	J. P. Wellman, [P. J.
		Albertina Asker.	"	19	"		"	Carl Asker. L. Peterson.	" "		1st	
" 19	"	Ira Neaves.	"	22	"	Glue maker.	Nova Scotia.	Wm. Neaves. Mary A. Sabin.	Nova Scotia. "		1st	Rev. M. C. Pen- [dexter.
		Nicholas Richmond	"	20	"		Scotland.	Jas. Richmond. Jennie Yorkster	Scotland. "		1st	
" 26	Swanzey.	Robert Eastman.	Swanzey.	20	"	Teamster.	Swanzey.	G.W. Eastman. Eunice J. Taft.	Hartland, Vt. Keene.		1st	Rev. V.W. Black- [man.
		Margie J. Davis.	Keene.	20	"		Providence, [R. I.	James E. Davis. Mary Quaide.	Dover. "	Fireman.	1st	
Dec. 3	Keene.	J. W. Buckminster.	"	50	"	Stable keeper.	Roxbury.	D. Buckminster M. A. Whitney.	Roxbury. Nelson.		2d	Rev. A. McCord.
		Anna C. Chamber- [lain.	"	37	"		Westm'rela'd	J. Chamberlain. Almira French.	Westmoreland.		1st	
" 5	"	G. W. Cummings.	"	22	"	Chair maker.	W. Swanzey.	Jos. Cummings. Lorinsa Morse.	Savoy, Vt. Winhall, Vt.		1st	Rev. S. G. Abbott.
		Ada B. C. Davis.	"	22	"		Guilford, Vt.	John W. Davis. L. Armstrong.	Wil'amst'n, Ms. Hinsdale.	Basket m'k'r.	1st	

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Dec. 9	Keene.	Wm. E. Phillips.	Rochester.	33	W	Merchant.	Kittery, Me.	Wm. Phillips. A. B. Duncan.	Kittery, Me. "		2d	Rev. W. G. Poor.
		Mildred G. Bennett.	Keene.	25	"		Rochester.	Wm. Bennett. Caroline Grant.	Rockport, Ms. Lebanon, Me.		1st	
" 10	"	Edwin E. Frye.	"	41	"	Toy maker.	Nashua.	Eben W. Frye. Nancy Cram.	Croydon. Marlow.		2d	Rev. C. B. Elder.
		Rosa L. Bemis.	"	35	"		Marlboro.	Artemas Bemis.	"		2d	
" 13	Westport.	Geo. H. Blaisdell.	"	21	"	Box maker.	Keene.	Geo. Blaisdell. Lucy Griffith.	Dorchest'r, Ms. Keene.		1st	Rev. T. Fowler.
		Abbie E. Reed.	"	20	"		Ashuelot.	Joseph Reed. L.D.Dickinson.	Keene.		1st	
" 29	Keene.	Jas. Chas. Spencer.	"	21	"	Laundry man.	Keene.	Jas. H. Spencer. J. E. Buckman.	Springfield, Vt. Alstead.		1st	Rev. C. B. Elder.
		Eva Minnie Blake.	"	29	"		Munsonville.	Oscar B. Blake. Helen Fisher.	Surry. Manchester.	Chair maker.	1st	
" 31	"	Fred S. Barker.	"	28	"	Chair m'f'r.	Nelson.	Daniel Barker. Sarah Sheldon.	Nelson. "		1st	Rev. W. G. Poor.
		Lottie A. Livermore	"	24	"		Keene.	Jas. Livermore. Sarah E. Blake.	Dalton. Surry.	Stone mason.	1st	
" 31	Somerville, [Ms.	Newell P. Griffith.	"	25	"	Chair maker.	"	Edw. S. Griffith. H. Lapham.	Swanzey. Boston, Ms.		1st	Rev. E. O. Taylor.
		Martha G. Pells.	Len'xv'le, P. Q.	25	"		St. Paul, Minn	Leslie D. Pells. Marion Pells.	St. Paul, Minn.	Hotel keeper.	1st	

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Jan.	2	Mabel L. Griffith.	37	8	27	Surry.		F	W	W	Housewife.	Surry.	Surry.	Curtis Carpenter.	Sarah J.
"	7	Frank E. Ellison.	36	9	15	Keene.	M		"	M	Mechanic.		Keene.	Charles Ellison.	Harriet D. Perry.
"	10	Thomas Fitzgerald.	74		19	Ireland.	M		"	M	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Thos. Fitzgerald.	Bridget.
"	12	Harriet N. Goodhue	75	9	16	Sutton, Mass.		F	"	W				—— Phelps.	—— Putnam.
"	12	Willie Arthur Gero.	4	3	18	Keene.	M		"	S		Keene.	Berwick, Me.	William Gero.	Lillian St. Clair.
"	19					"	M		"			Ireland.	Ireland.	John Kane.	Annie Hartnett.
"	30	Mary Ann Gay.	80	3	7	Acworth.		F	"	S		Sandown.	Acworth.	Sargent Symonds.	Sarah Gould.
Feb.	1	Harlon Geo. Morse.	1	2	4	Keene.	M		"	S		East Jaffrey.	Fitzwilliam.	Curtis H. Morse.	Mary Merrian.
"	3	Mary A. Hannon.	41	3	25	Wisconsin.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Ireland.	Ireland.	William Sheehan.	Honora Daley.
"	4	Orpha E. Stowell.	78	9		Waitsfield, Vt.		F	"	W		Windsor, Vt.		Samuel S. Savage.	Anna G.
"	15	John G. Griffith.	68	6		Swanzey.	M		"	M	Blacksmith.	Swanzey.	Swanzey.	Samuel Griffith.	Mahala.
"	16	Marinda M. Fisher.	38	5	16	Sharon, Mass.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Sharon, Mass.	Richmond.	Rufus Freeman.	Melissa Twitchell
"	18	Rose M. Perry.	76			Keene.		F	"	S				James Perry.	Betsey Morse.
"	21	Julius N. Morse.	55	6	16	Royalston, Mass.	M		"	M	Writer.	Royalston, Ms.	Fitzwilliam.	Nelson Morse.	Sarah L. Flagg.
"	29	Henry O. Coolidge.	66	1	24	Chesterfield.	M		"	M	Banker.	Troy.	"	Oscar Coolidge.	Lav'a Rockwood.
Mar.	5	Harry E. Reed.	18	6	2	Rutland, Vt.	M		"	S	Machinist.	Dumm'rston, Vt	Dover, Vt.	Henry D. Reed.	Mary Fessenden.
"	12	Lucinda Sanderson.	78	10	2	Chesterfield.		F	"	S		Chesterfield.	Swanzey.	John Sanderson.	Betsey.
"	14	Wm. J. Murphy.	26			Ireland.	M		"	S	Ins. Agent.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Dennis Murphy.	Johanna.
"	19	J. A. Hemenway.	77	2	9	Dorchester.		F	"	W		Dorchester.	Dorchester.	Zebulon Clark.	
"	19	Sarah L. Darling.	69	5	26	New Hampton.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Exeter.	New Hampton.	David B. Mason.	Eunice Kellogg.
"	20	John A. Wright.	57	2	17	Brookline, Mass.	M		"	M	Manufacturer.	Groton, Mass.	Brookline.	Artemas Wright.	Mary Daniels.
"	25	Edwin W. Hadley.	62	3	22	Ashburnham, Ms.	M		"	M	Mechanic.	Sterling, Mass.	A'hb'nh'm, Ms.	Aaron Hadley.	Betsey Jones.
Apr.	2	Barbary D. Frew.	7	6		Fitchburg, Mass.		F	"	S		Scotland.	Scotland.	Alexander Frew.	Agnes M.
"	2	Mary A. Merrill.	81	8		Dublin.		F	"	W		Dublin.	Tynesboro, Ms.	Tim. Twitchell.	Mary Abbott.
"	3	Rosie M. Carr.	28			Colerain, Mass.		F	"	M	Housewife.			—— Daniels.	
"	4	Mary E. Spaulding.	80	6	10	Templeton, Mass.		F	"	W		Templeton, Ms.	Templeton, Ms.	Stephen Bush.	Lucy.
"	5	Frank Henry Pond.		3	17	Concord.	M		"	S				Henry Pond.	
"	8	Jane H. Whittle.	70	7		Guilford.		F	"	M	Housewife.		Brattleboro, Vt.	Leonard Squires.	Jane Shaw.
"	8	Lafayette Nims.	47		22	Roxbury.	M		"	M		Roxbury.	Massachusetts.	Harry Nims.	Annie.
"	10	Sarah F. Beal.	58	10	24	Nelson.		F	"	S	Housekeeper.	Nelson.	Nelson.	Joseph Beal.	Lois Wardwell.

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		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	S., M., W.*		Father.	Mother.		
Apr. 17	Mary Mitchell.	84			Ireland.		F	W	W	Housekeeper.	Ireland.	Ireland.	John McCarty.	Ann Connelly.
" 18	James C. Whittle.	72	4		Westminster, Vt.	M		"	W	Carriage maker	Claremont.		William Whittle.	Electa Rugg.
" 19	Jane Elizabeth Hale	59	1	10	Walpole.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Natick, Mass.	Winchester.	Amos Davis.	Cynthia Coombs.
" 22	Mary Jennie Ray.	46	10	1	Windsor, Vt.		F	"	M		Newbury, Vt.		Benjamin Leet.	Jane E.
" 27	Frank H. Cudworth.	42	6		Greenfield.	M		"	S	Blacksmith.	Greenfield.	Lyndeboro.	Horace Cudworth	Jane Bradford.
May 3	Mary E. Patten.	46			Surry.		F	"	M	Housewife.			Sewall Rugg.	Sophia Wright.
" 4	Charles Lovejoy.	77	9	6	Canada.	M		"	M	Brickmaker.	Canada.	Ireland.	Hanton Lovejoy.	Hangetin.
" 6	Alfred Jas. Murphy.		10	17	Keene.	M		"	S		Ireland.	"	James Murphy.	Mary.
" 9	Rebecca P. Davis.	68	5	7	Weathersfield, Vt		F	"	M	Housewife.	Rockingh'm, Vt	R'ckingh'm, Vt	Elijah Pulsifer.	Rebecca.
" 10	Henry H. Darling.	72	1	18	Cambridge, Vt.	M		"	W	Physician.			H. P. Darling.	Alphia Hubbard.
" 10	Erasmus Houghton	82	8	14	Woodstock, Vt.	M		"	M	Farmer.				
" 12	Chas. F. Holton.	63	10		Bennington, Vt.	M		"	M	Ex. messenger.	Dummerst'n, Vt	Dum'erston, Vt.	Lewis Holton.	Almira Rice.
" 17	Timothy Sweeney.	73			Ireland.	M		"	S	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Andr'w Sweeney.	Honora.
" 22	Frederic A. Gilson.	73	10	6	Stoddard.	M		"	M	Farmer.	Pepperill, Ms.	Stoddard.	Allison Gilson.	O. Richardson.
" 25					Keene.	M		"	S		Vergennes, Vt.	Westport, N.Y.	William LaBou.	Louise Allen.
June 8	Susan G. Beliveau.	78	8	8	Stoddard.		F	"	W		Stoddard.	Stoddard.	Allison Gilson.	O. Richardson.
" 11	Abigail Hale.	65	1	7	Gill, Ms.		F	"	W		Northfield, Ms.	Leyden, Ms.	Abrah'm Wright.	Elizabeth Nye.
" 11	Harry Wright.			7	Keene.	M		"	S		Keene.	Alstead.	Frank O. Wright.	Cynthia A. Cater.
" 15	Peninah Porter.	76	9	15	Swanzey.		F	"	W	Housekeeper.	Swanzey.	Swanzey.	John Cummings.	Mehitable.
" 19	Rachael N. White.	61	9	8	Dorchester.		F	"	M	Housewife.			Farley Norris.	Abigail L.
" 28	Abner Fiske.	83	2	11	Chesterfield.	M		"	W	Carpenter.	Chesterfield.	Chesterfield.	Abel Fiske.	Sally Phillips.
" 30	Edwin Pearson.	63	3	29	Stockport, Eng.	M		"	M		Stockport, Eng.	Stockport, Eng.	Wm. H. Pearson.	Emma Cross.
" 30	Nellie Walsh.	80	5		Ireland.		F	"	M		Ireland.	Ireland.	Michael Irwin.	Mary Casey.
July 2	Samuel P. Ellis.	83		8	Keene.	M		"	M		Keene.	Keene.	Samuel Ellis.	Sally Dwinnell.
" 6	Sophia P. Ellis.	81		2	Barton, Vt.		F	"	W				Calvin Hyde.	Orpha.
" 12	Nancy A. Crossett.	66	3	21	Moretown, Vt.		F	"	W				Jesse Thornton.	—— Carpenter.
" 15	James T. Merrifield.		5	6	Keene.	M		"	S		Scotland.	East Jaffrey.	James T. Smith.	Rosie Merrifield.
" 16	Edw. L. Sweeney.	2	6		"	M		"	S		Ireland.	Ireland.	John Sweeney.	Annie.
" 16	Mary E. Streeter.	45	10	29	Winchendon, Ms.		F	"	M	Domestic.	Collis, Vt.	Royalston, Ms.	Orin Powers.	Mary E.
" 19	Phelps Hayward.		10	29	Keene.	M		"	S		Keene.	Lowell, Ms.	Robt. Hayward.	Ina Phelps.

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July 21	Alice M. Morse.		7	15	Keene.		F	W	S		East Jaffrey.	Fitzwilliam.	Curtis H. Morse.	Mary E. Marrion.
" 21	Deborah Ranney.	72	3	16	"		F	"	W		Wrentham, Ms.	Dedham, Ms.	Samuel Gerould.	Deborah Dean.
" 15	Lewis Newton.	90		4		M		"	W					
" 23	Ellen C. Sweeney.			1	Keene.		F	"	S		Ireland.	Ireland.	John Sweeney.	Annie.
" 26	James F. Marshall.		3		"	M		"	S		New York.	Keene.	Martin Marshall.	Lizzie White.
" 26	Harold Pemberton.	1	1	4	"	M		"	S		Keene.	Fitchburg, Ms.	Chas. Pemberton.	Lizzie A.
" 27	Porter Merrifield.		5	18	"	M		"	S		Scotland.	East Jaffrey.	James T. Smith.	Rosa Merrifield.
" 27	Edward Carroll.		6	24	"	M		"	S		England.	Ireland.	Geo. H. Carroll.	Ellen Barrett.
" 30	Zelda M. Davis.		3	17	Bellows Falls, Vt.		F	"	S		Nova Scotia.	Templeton, Ms.	Edwin F. Davis.	Ella M.
Aug. 2	John A. Drummer.	79	5	1	Burlington, Vt.	M		"	M		Germany.	England.	John Drummer.	Mary Seurs.
" 2	Daniel O'Neil.	51			Ireland.	M		"	M	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Daniel O'Neil.	Julia Donovan.
" 2	Frank White.	34	9		Burlington, Vt.	M		"	S	Mechanic.	Canada.	Burlington, Vt.	Joseph White.	Mary Randall.
" 3	Henry McGee.	25	8	3	Ireland.	M		"	M	Machinist.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Patrick McGee.	Marg. Morrison.
" 3	Chas. E. Penor.		5	25	Keene.	M		"	S		Wallingford, Vt	Rutland, Vt.	Eli J. Penor.	Mary E. Rock.
" 4	John McGregor.	64			Scotland.	M		"	M		Scotland.	Scotland.		
" 5	Rosa Dragon.	40		10	Canada.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Canada.	Canada.	John Pelkey.	Phebe Deucett.
" 6	Wm. H. Trask.	74	11	5	Keene.	M		"	M	Carpenter.	Keene.	Keene.	Nicholas Trask.	Abigail Smith.
" 7	Fred A. Mackey.	1	3	15	"	M		"	S		Finland.	Finland.	K. Mackey.	Fosey.
" 9	Nellie May St. John.		5		Amesbury, Ms.		F	"	S		New York.	Hillsboro.	Frank St. John.	Lillia M. Gould.
" 10	Josiah Menter.	71			Londonderry.	M		"	M	Brickmaker.			Jarvis L. Menter.	Eliza Holt.
" 11	Earl S. Bouvier.		7	16	Keene.	M		"	S		Canada.	Canada.	Peter Bouvier.	Mary Butler.
" 12	Ellen Donovan.	35	2		Ireland.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Jeremiah Reagan.	Katie.
" 13	Sylvester Blodgett.	74	6	10	Nelson.	M		"	M	Butcher.	Stoddard.	Stoddard.	Noah Blodgett.	Fanny Joslin.
" 14	Myrtle Bradbury.		10	23	Keene.		F	"	S		Biddeford, Me.	Lewiston, Me.	Frank Bradbury.	Mary S. Lowe.
" 17	Mary E. Cheney.		3	7	Oldtown, Me.		F	"	S		Canada.	Oldtown, Me.	David E. Cheney.	Justine Dion.
" 22	Edith G. Pierce.		4	26	Keene.		F	"	S		Keene.	Hague, N. Y.	Wm. F. Pierce.	Henrietta Seward
" 23	Thos. F. McGrath.	23	4		Ireland.	M		"	S	Harness maker.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Thos. McGrath.	Mary.
" 24	Wm. Goodell Hall.	76		10	Westminster, Vt.	M		"	M	Merchant.	Westminst'r, Vt	Westminst'r, Vt	Edward Hall.	Orpha Goodell.
Sept. 16	Joseph Neddo.			1	Keene.	M		"	S		Canada.	Keene.	Edward Neddo.	Sarah Jane.
" 17	Ella I. Merrill.	47	4	12	Shelburne Falls, [Ms.		F	"	S	Saleswoman.	Shelburne, Ms.	Shelburne, Ms.	Solomon Merrill.	Isabell Bardwell.

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Sept. 23	William Metcalf.	89	9	12		M		W	M	Farmer.				
Oct. 2	Martha Southwick.	73	3		Dublin.		F	"	S	Housekeeper.	Peabody, Ms.	Dublin.	Jed. Southwick.	Dorcas Twitchell.
" 4	Edwin M. Bullard.	47	11	16	Richmond.	M		"	M	Druggist.	Swanzey.	Richmond.	Marcus Bullard.	Elizabeth Jillson.
" 12	Dennis Foley.	86	5		Ireland.	M		"	M	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Patrick Foley.	Bridget.
" 16	Henry H. Aldrich.	53	7	16	Swanzey.	M		"	M	Drover.	Swanzey.	Swanzey.	Paul F. Aldrich.	Lavina C.
" 17	Nancy F. Sherman.	91	9	16	Troy.		F	"	W				Isaac Fuller.	Patty Howe.
" 20	John Q. Kinson.	52	4	28	Ware.	M		"	W		East Ware.	Washington.	Richard Kinson.	Susan Cilley.
" 20	Chas. Henry Perry.	66			Keene.	M		"	M	Tailor.			James Perry.	Betsey.
" 24	Lizzie S. Graves.	27	10	24	Marlboro.		F	"	M	Seamstress.	Sullivan.	Dublin.	Chas. Houghton.	Harriet E. Frost.
" 24	Emaline M. Davis.	68	8	17	Gilsum.		F	"	M	Housekeeper.			John Guillow.	
" 25	Salome C. Searle.	72		25	Vermont.		F	"	M	Housekeeper.	Vermont.	Vermont.	Lyman Culver.	Fanny Hovey.
" 30	Maria C. Towns.	73	4	12	Henniker.		F	"	W		Henniker.	Henniker.	Thomas Tucker.	Charlotte.
Nov. 1	Chas. Edgar Empey	15	2	3	Canada.	M		"	S		Canada.	Canada.	D. H. Empey.	Charlotte.
" 6	George Shover.			3	Keene.	M		"	S		Sheldon, Vt.	Sheldon, Vt.	John Shover.	Louisa Durant.
" 14	Eliza J. L. Paige.	54	3		Swanzey.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Marlboro'.	Swanzey.	Benj. Lombard.	Fan'y Whitcomb.
" 18	Allina Rockwood.	3	2		South Acworth.		F	"	S		Nova Scotia.	Nova Scotia.	Uriah Mosher.	Lottie Rockwood.
" 18	Mary Ellen Lake.	69	6	7	Waltham, Ms.		F	"	W	Housewife.	Boston, Mass.	Waterloo, Ms.	Joseph B. Treat.	Mary Wellington.
" 19	Augusta N. Blake.	59	4	9	Hartland, Vt.		F	"	W	Housewife.	Vermont.	Vermont.	Hial Paul.	Nancy.
" 17	Byron Harris.	73	2	9		M		"	W					
" 26	John W. Howes.	62	2	18	Chester Vt.	M		"	M		Connecticut.	Swanzey.	William Howes.	Arvilla Applin.
" 27	Harriet A. Osgood.	59	11	8	Westminster, Vt.		F	"	M	Housewife.	Westmins'r, Vt.	Westminst'r, Vt	Ephraim Spencer	Arona Foster.
" 27	Charles H. Mason.			2	Keene.	M		"	S		Sullivan.	St. Louis, Mo.	Leston E. Mason.	Ada Holland.
" 28	John Joseph Sweet.			1	"	M		"	S		Canada.	St. Jo'sb'ry, Vt.	Lazarus Sweet.	Jane LaCharity.
" 30	Mary C. Stebbins.	47	5	15	Winchester.		F	"	M		Winchester.	Winchester.	Willard Rixford.	Rhody Coombs.
" 7	Frank G. Pratt.	36				M		"	S	Electrician.				
" 30	Gertrude Lanagan.	5	1	17	Keene.		F	"	S		Hinsdale.	Lowell, Ms.	Math'w Lanagan.	Eliz. Donahue.
Dec. 3	Ellen Gordon.	45	6		Claremont.		F	"	M	Domestic.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Frank Clark.	Alice Brennon.
" 3					Keene.		F	"	S		Alstead.	Royalston, Ms.	Albert Shepard.	Minnie A. Evans.
" 8	Catherine O'Connor	70			Ireland.		F	"	S	Cook.	Ireland.	Ireland.	James O'Connor.	Mary McCormick
" 12					Keene.	M		"	S		Peabody, Ms.	Marbleh'd, Ms.	E. W. Farwell.	Martha Shirley.

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Dec. 16	John F. Donovan.	22	10		Keene.	M		W	S	Shoemaker.	Ireland.	Ireland.	Jer'm'h Donovan.	Mary Driscoll.
" 17	Geo. S. Kingsbury.	66	3	4	"	M		"	S	Sta. engineer.	Keene.	Keene.	Cyrus Kingsbury.	Rachel Olcott.
" 22	Edward Colony.	43	7	11	"	M		"	M		"	Surry.	Henry Colony.	Mary Hayward.
" 22	William LaBlanc.	25				M		"	S	Tailor.				
" 28	Nathan Woodbury.	73	8	12	Augusta, Me.	M		"	M	Manufacturer.	Bolton, Ms.	Harvard, Ms.	Nath. Woodbury.	Cl'rin'a Whitney.

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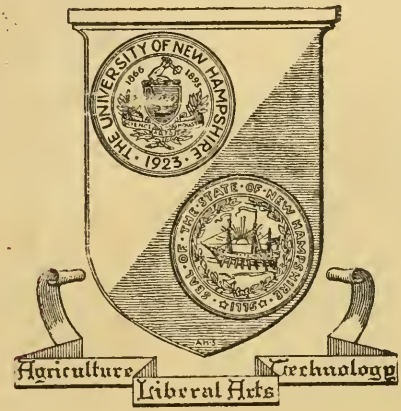

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